

Hawai'i State Association of Counties (HSAC)

Counties of Kaua'i, Maui, Hawai'i and City & County of Honolulu

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A G E N D A

HSAC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Monday, June 19, 2017, at 9:30 a.m. or soon thereafter
Grand Ballroom Na Pali C, Kōloa Landing Resort at Po'ipū
2641 Poipu Road, Kōloa, Kaua'i, Hawai'i

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

III. MINUTES

- A. Minutes of the June 22, 2016 HSAC General Membership meeting at the Sheraton Kona Resort, as submitted by HSAC Secretary Mel Rapozo.
- B. Minutes of the December 22, 2016 HSAC General Membership meeting at the Honolulu Hale, as submitted by HSAC Secretary Mel Rapozo.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORTS

- A. Monthly Treasurer's Reports from June 1, 2016 to May 31, 2017.
- B. The Executive Committee at its March 17, 2017 meeting approved HSAC's Fiscal Year 2018 Annual Operating Budget. The following resolutions were adopted to approve the budget:
 - 1. Honolulu City Council Resolution 17-114
 - 2. Kauai County Council Resolution 2017-32
 - 3. Maui County Council Resolution 17-66
 - 4. Hawaii County Council Resolution 133-17

V. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

- A. June 22, 2016
- B. July 8, 2016
- C. August 22, 2016
- D. September 26, 2016
- E. October 24, 2016
- F. November 28, 2016
- G. December 22, 2016
- H. January 17, 2017
- I. February 10, 2017
- J. March 17, 2017
- K. April 24, 2017
- L. May 30, 2017



VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. The Executive Committee at its July 8, 2016 meeting approved the purchase of HSAC logo items for distribution to all HSAC members.
- B. The Executive Committee at its December 22, 2016 meeting approved the audit report for HSAC's financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2016 as prepared by Carbonaro CPAs & Management Group.
- C. The Executive Committee at its December 22, 2016 meeting approved \$5,000 to be used as seed funding for the 2017 HSAC Annual Conference in Kauai.
- D. The Executive Committee at its January 17, 2017 meeting authorized Mel Rapozo and Aida Kawamura as signatories for the 2017 HSAC Conference bank account.
- E. The Executive Committee at its February 10, 2017 meeting approved Councilmember Yuki Lei Sugimura to the Board of Advisors of the Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution.
- F. The Executive Committee at its April 24, 2017 meeting approved Ikaika Anderson and Arryl Kaneshiro to serve on the National Association of Counties Board of Directors and Mike White and Dru Kanuha to serve on the Western Interstate Region Board of Directors for Fiscal Year 2018.
- G. The Executive Committee at its May 30, 2017 meeting approved an engagement letter from Carbonaro CPAs & Management Group to provide auditing services to HSAC for 2017, 2018 and 2019.
- H. The Executive Committee at its July 8, 2016 meeting approved the Financial Summary and Agreement for Services from Becker Communications, Inc., effective April 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 to provide media and communication services to promote HSAC's lobbying efforts.

The contract was extended by the Executive Committee at its December 22, 2016 meeting to January 31, 2017. It was further extended to May 2017 to cover the entire Legislative Session at the Executive Committee's January 17, 2017 meeting.

Finally, the Executive Committee at its May 30, 2017 meeting extended the contract until June 30, 2018 and authorized Scott Ishikawa to attend the 2017 Annual Conference in Kauai.



- I. The Executive Committee at its November 28, 2016 meeting approved the following bills to be included in the 2017 HSAC Legislative Package:
 1. A bill for an act relating to government records.
 2. A bill for an act relating to important agricultural lands.
 3. A bill for an act relating to collective bargaining.
 4. A bill for an act relating to tort liability.
 5. A bill for an act relating to unadjudicated traffic fines.
 6. A bill for an act making an appropriation for emergency medical services.
 7. A bill for an act relating to unmanned aerial vehicles.
 8. A bill for an act relating to community meetings.
 9. A bill for an act relating to identification cards for persons with disabilities.
 10. A bill for an act relating to transient accommodations tax.

The four county councils reviewed and approved the proposals, which was submitted to the Legislature as the 2017 HSAC Legislative Package.

- J. The Executive Committee at its February 10, 2017 meeting approved the hiring of Michael Victorino as HSAC Lobbyist at the cost of \$5,250.
- K. The Executive Committee received the following resolutions approving NACo and WIR Board of Directors for the term beginning July 1, 2017:
 1. Honolulu City Council Resolution 17-135
 2. Kauai County Council Resolution 2017-36
 3. Maui County Council Resolution 17-90
 4. Hawaii County Council Resolution 225-17

NACo Board of Directors

- Arryl Kaneshiro, Kauai County Council
- Ikaika Anderson, Honolulu City Council

WIR Board of Directors

- Mike White, Maui County Council
- Dru Kanuha, Hawaii County Council

- L. The Executive Committee received the following resolutions appointing HSAC representatives and alternates for the term beginning July 1, 2017.
 1. Honolulu City Council Resolution 17-87: Ikaika Anderson and Joey Manahan
 2. Kauai County Council Resolution 2017-26: Derek Kawakami and Ross Kagawa
 3. Maui County Council Resolution 17-66: Stacy Crivello and Riki Hokama
 4. Hawaii County Council Resolution 132-17: Dru Kanuha and Valerie Poindexter



VII. NEW BUSINESS

BYLAW AMENDMENTS

- A. Consideration of an amendment to include the WIR Conference in Section 21 of the bylaws, to allow members of the Executive Committee to travel and attend the WIR Conference. The Executive Committee at its February 10, 2017 meeting approved the bylaw amendment.
- B. Consideration of an amendment to remove the rotation schedule of officers in Section 5 of the bylaws and allow the Executive Committee to consult among themselves and present a slate of officers for the councils' approval.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- C. Consideration of the proposed slate of officers for Fiscal Year 2018, as approved by the Executive Committee on April 24, 2017.

President	Dru Kanuha, Hawaii County Council Valerie Poindexter (alternate)
Vice President	Derek Kawakami, Kauai County Council Ross Kagawa (alternate)
Secretary	Stacy Crivello, Maui County Council Riki Hokama (alternate)
Treasurer	Ikaika Anderson, Honolulu City Council Joey Manahan (alternate)

- D. 2017 State Legislative Session update and discussion on lobbying efforts

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Discussion on the proposed 2018 HSAC Legislative Package timeline:
 - 1. September 8, 2017 — Deadline to receive proposals from each county to be included in the 2018 HSAC Legislative Package.
 - 2. September 29, 2017 — Deadline for the Executive Committee to forward the proposals to each county for consideration.
 - 3. November 30, 2017 — Deadline for counties to approve the proposed 2018 HSAC Legislative Package.
- B. NACo Steering Committee Nomination Form

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES
HSAC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
June 22, 2016
Keauhou III, Sheraton Kona Resort
78-128 Ehukai Street
Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i 96740

I. CALL TO ORDER

The HSAC General Membership Meeting was called to order by HSAC President and County of Maui Councilmember Michael Victorino at 10:05 a.m. The following members comprising a quorum were present:

County of Maui:	President Michael Victorino, County of Maui Councilmember
County of Hawai'i:	Vice President Dennis "Fresh" Onishi, County of Hawai'i Councilmember
County of Kaua'i:	Secretary Mel Rapozo, County of Kaua'i Council Chair
City and County of Honolulu:	Treasurer Ikaika Anderson, City and County of Honolulu Councilmember

Others Present:

Maui Council: Councilmember Gladys C. Baisa, Councilmember Riki Hokama,
Councilmember Robert Carroll, Councilmember Stacy Crivello

Hawai'i Council: Council Chair Dru Kanuha, Councilmember Danny Paleka

Kaua'i Council: Councilmember KipuKai Kualii, Councilmember Mason K.

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Honolulu City Council: Council Chair Ernest Y. Martin

Matt Chase, NACo Executive Director

Richard Forster, California State Association of Counties President

Daniel Brady, Splunk

Scott Ishikawa, Becker Communications



Honolulu Council staff: Lisa-Ann Kimura, Brandon Mitsuda, Francisco Figueiredo, Deputy City Clerk Kimberly Ribellia, Joanne Tachibana, Allison Hong, Catherine Pligavko
County of Maui Council staff: Kit Zulueta
Kaua'i Council staff: Aida Kawamura
Hawai'i Council staff: Amy Miwa

Kaua'i County Council Vice Chair Ross Kagawa and Councilmember Arryl Kaneshiro were en route to the Conference, as well as Maui County Council Member Don Couch.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Secretary Rapozo moved for approval of the Agenda as circulated, seconded by Vice President Onishi, and unanimously carried.

III. MINUTES

The Membership approved the following items, as submitted by the HSAC Secretary:

- A. Minutes of the June 24, 2015 HSAC General Membership meeting, as submitted by HSAC Secretary Ikaika Anderson.
- B. Minutes of the January 19, 2016 Special HSAC General Membership meeting, as submitted by HSAC Secretary Ikaika Anderson.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORTS

- A. Fiscal Year 2017 HSAC Annual Operating Budget.

Treasurer Anderson moved for approval of the FY 2017 HSAC Operating Budget, seconded by Vice President Onishi.

Secretary Rapozo moved to amend the FY 2017 Operating Budget to include lodging expenses for official HSAC business, seconded by Vice President Onishi.

President Victorino moved to further amend the FY 2017 Operating Budget to specify "travel expenses not to exceed \$2,000 for any one trip," seconded by Vice President Onishi.



President Victorino recommended that the FY 2016-2017 HSAC Operating Budget be amended as follows:

- 1) Increase Executive Committee Travel-Air and Ground by \$2,000
- 2) Increase NACo Travel-Board-Air and Ground by \$2,000
- 3) Increase WIR Travel-Air and Ground by \$1,500
- 4) Reduce Adjustments for Travel and Related Expenses by \$4,500
- 5) Reduce Prescription Drug Scholarship Program by \$1,000

Councilmember Hokama requested clarification that covered travel expenses are for the NACo Legislative Conference, NACo Annual Conference, and Western Interstate Region Conference. Secretary Rapozo clarified that his proposal is to provide reimbursement of travel expenses to attend meetings that require the presence of a NACo board member or a WIR board member from Hawai'i. Councilmember Hokama stated support for travel expenses for members in a leadership position.

Councilmember Hokama requested that the Membership consider establishing minimum expectations for income generated by conferences on behalf of the Association.

Vice President Onishi noted that there are four (4) meetings that NACo and WIR directors need to attend: NACo Annual Conference, NACo Legislative Conference, NACo Presidential Meeting, WIR Conference; WIR Presidential Meeting.

Vice President Onishi requested discussion regarding whether HSAC should subsidize a portion of travel expenses or cover the entire cost. President Victorino stated that to avoid abuse, limits need to be set on travel expenses. Councilmember Baisa believed that each County allocates sufficient funds for Councilmembers' travel, and that as an HSAC Alternate, she has used her Council travel budget to attend HSAC meetings to be prepared and informed should President Victorino be unable to attend an HSAC Executive Committee meeting. Secretary Rapozo stated that it is not a matter of having sufficient travel funds in a county budget; HSAC is a separate entity and the member is working on behalf of HSAC on HSAC issues, so it makes sense that HSAC should fund travel expenses. As far as abuse, all reimbursement requests are scrutinized and approved. The costs



associated with attending meetings on the mainland is ridiculously high, and yes the county can afford to pay these costs, but travel as a board member representing NACo, WIR, or HSAC should be funded by HSAC. HSAC's account balance has increased annually, and these funds were generated to allow the organization to move forward. As mentioned by Immediate Past President Riki Hokama, participation by HSAC representatives at these meetings is key to maintaining Hawai'i's status and support from sister states.

Vice President Onishi stated that conference registration fees are another added cost, which is currently paid for by the counties.

Vice President Onishi moved to further amend the amendment to the FY 2016-2017 Operating Budget to include conference registration fees as a travel expense, seconded by Treasurer Anderson.

Councilmember Kualii noted that with the expenditure limit set at \$2,000 for each travel, it is not critical to define the separate expenses. Taking into account the \$2,000 limit, Vice President Onishi asked Councilmember Kualii whether the amount would have been adequate to allow him to attend all four meetings as a NACo director. Councilmember Kualii believed that the amount is sufficient.

Vice President Onishi added that HSAC should also consider allocating funds, such as \$500, for members serving on a NACo Steering Committee to compensate for their expenses, and thus provide an incentive for members to attend the steering committee meetings.

The Membership approved including registration fees as an allowable travel expense.

The Membership approved setting a \$2,000 limit for travel expenses.

The Membership approved including lodging as a travel expense.

Secretary Rapozo moved to amend certain line items in the FY 2016-2017 HSAC Operating Budget to read as follows, seconded by Vice President Onishi, and unanimously carried:

1. Executive Committee Travel – Air, Ground, Lodging & Registration Fees - \$17,500
2. NACo Travel – Air, Ground, Lodging & Registration Fees - \$20,000
3. WIR Travel – Air, Ground, Lodging & Registration Fees - \$10,500



- 4. Adjustments for Travel and Related Expenses - \$6,295
- 5. Prescription Drug Scholarship Program - \$6,500

The Membership approved the FY 2016-2017 HSAC Operating Budget, as amended herein.

B. Monthly Treasurer's Reports from June 1, 2015 to May 31, 2016.

Secretary Rapozo moved for approval of the Monthly Treasurer's Reports from June 1, 2016 to May 31, 2016, seconded by Vice President Onishi, and unanimously carried.

V. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

- A. June 24, 2015
- B. July 29, 2015
- C. August 27, 2015
- D. September 11, 2015
- E. September 30, 2015
- F. November 23, 2015
- G. December 7, 2015
- H. January 19, 2016
- I. February 12, 2016
- J. March 8, 2016
- K. April 21, 2016
- L. May 31, 2016

Secretary Rapozo moved to approve and file the foregoing Meeting Minutes as submitted by the HSAC Secretary, second by Treasurer Anderson, and unanimously carried.

VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. The Executive Committee at its August 27, 2015 meeting approved HSAC's audited financial statements for Fiscal Year 2015 as prepared by Carbonaro CPAs & Management Group.

Secretary Rapozo moved to receive and file the foregoing item, as reported and submitted by the Executive Committee, seconded by Vice President Onishi, and unanimously carried.



- B. The Executive Committee at its September 11, 2015 meeting approved a State bill relating to zoning to be included in the 2016 HSAC Legislative Package.

Treasurer Anderson moved to receive and file the foregoing item, as reported and submitted by the Executive Committee, seconded by Secretary Rapozo, and unanimously carried.

- C. The Executive Committee at its September 30, 2015 meeting approved a bylaw amendment adding a two-year rotation schedule for the HSAC slate of officers and approved a new slate of officers.

Secretary Rapozo moved to receive and file the foregoing item, as reported and submitted by the Executive Committee, seconded by Vice President Onishi, and unanimously carried.

- D. The Executive Committee at its November 23, 2015 meeting approved the following proposals to be included in the 2016 HSAC Legislative Package:

1. A bill for an act relating to counties' short-term investments
2. A bill for an act relating to public agency meetings and records
3. A bill for an act relating identification cards for persons with disabilities
4. A bill for an act relating to zoning
5. A bill for an act relating to tort liability
6. A bill for an act relating to mopeds
7. A resolution requesting the Hawaii State Legislature urge Hawaii's congressional delegation to propose and pass a constitutional amendment to provide that corporations are not people with constitutional rights and that unlimited campaign spending is not free speech

The four county councils reviewed and approved the proposals, which was submitted to the Legislature as the 2016 HSAC Legislative Package.

Secretary Rapozo moved to receive and file the foregoing item, as reported and submitted by the Executive Committee, seconded by Vice President Onishi, and unanimously carried.



- E. The Executive Committee at its November 23, 2015 meeting approved \$5,000 as seed money for the 2016 HSAC Conference bank account.

Secretary Rapozo moved to receive and file the foregoing item, as reported and submitted by the Executive Committee, seconded by Treasurer Anderson, and unanimously carried.

- F. The Executive Committee at its January 19, 2016 meeting authorized Dennis “Fresh” Onishi and Susan Caseria as signatories for the 2016 HSAC Conference bank account.

Secretary Rapozo moved to receive and file the foregoing item, as reported and submitted by the Executive Committee, seconded by Treasurer Anderson, and unanimously carried.

- G. The General Membership at its January 19, 2016 meeting approved the Fiscal Year 2016 slate of officers:

President	Michael P. Victorino, Maui County Council Gladys C. Baisa (alternate)
Vice President	Dennis “Fresh” Onishi, Hawai‘i County Council Danny Paleka (alternate)
Secretary	Mel Rapozo, Kaua‘i County Council Ross Kagawa (alternate)
Treasurer	Ikaika Anderson, Honolulu City Council Joey Manahan (alternate)

On April 21, 2016, the committee approved the same slate for Fiscal Year 2017.

Secretary Rapozo moved to receive and file the foregoing item, as reported and submitted by the Executive Committee, seconded by Vice President Onishi, and unanimously carried.

- H. The Executive Committee at its February 12, 2016 meeting authorized reimbursement for airfare and ground transportation for one staff member from Maui County for training purposes. The committee also approved a new official letterhead.



Secretary Rapozo moved to receive and file the foregoing item, as reported and submitted by the Executive Committee, seconded by Vice President Onishi, and unanimously carried.

- I. The Executive Committee at its March 8, 2016 meeting approved a \$10,000 budget for lobbying and communication efforts, with a focus on the counties' advocacy for a fair share of the Transient Accommodations Tax.

President Victorino noted that Scott Ishikawa from Becker Communications is present at this meeting to provide a report regarding HSAC's legislative lobbying efforts. Members discussed the scope of HSAC's contract with Becker Communications ("Becker"). Councilmember Baisa confirmed that the Executive Committee discussed and believed it was important for Mr. Ishikawa to be present at the June 22, 2016 General Membership Meeting to discuss future lobbying efforts. Councilmember Paleka noted that he attended the May 31, 2016 Executive Meeting as the alternate, and it was implied that HSAC was moving ahead with developing a legislative package. Secretary Rapozo recalled approving the \$10,000 allocation at the March 8, 2016 Executive Committee Meeting, but did not recall any discussion regarding retention of services beyond the close of the legislative session. He asked if a motion was voted on at the May 31, 2016 Executive Committee Meeting to continue retention of Becker.

The Membership recessed the meeting to review the Minutes of the May 31, 2016 Executive Committee Meeting. The meeting was called back to order and President Victorino noted that expenses for Mr. Ishikawa's services which were requested for today will be paid from the HSAC Promotion and Outreach line item. President Victorino apologized for creating any confusion regarding continued retention of Becker.

Secretary Rapozo moved to receive and file the foregoing item, as reported and submitted by the Executive Committee, seconded by Vice President Onishi, and unanimously carried.

- J. The Executive Committee at its April 21, 2016 meeting approved HSAC's Fiscal Year 2017 Annual Operating Budget.



Secretary Rapozo moved to receive and file the foregoing item, as reported and submitted by the Executive Committee, seconded by Vice President Onishi, and unanimously carried.

- K. The Executive Committee at its April 21, 2016 meeting approved Ikaika Anderson and KipuKai Kualii to serve on the National Association of Counties Board of Directors and Mike White and Danny Paleka to serve on the Western Interstate Region Board of Directors for Fiscal Year 2017. In addition, Dennis “Fresh” Onishi continues to serve on the NACo Board of Directors as a presidential appointee.

Secretary Rapozo moved to receive and file the foregoing item, as reported and submitted by the Executive Committee, seconded by Vice President Onishi, and unanimously carried.

- L. The Executive Committee at its May 31, 2016 meeting approved a bylaw amendment to allow for the reimbursement of lodging expenses arising from official travel.

Secretary Rapozo moved to amend the Bylaws to include registration fees as a reimbursable travel expense, seconded by Vice President Onishi, and unanimously carried.

Secretary Rapozo moved to receive and file the foregoing item, as reported and submitted by the Executive Committee and amended by the General Membership, seconded by Vice President Onishi, and unanimously carried.

VII. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- A. The following is the proposed slate of officers for Fiscal Year 2017.

President	Michael P. Victorino, Maui County Council Gladys C. Baisa (alternate)
Vice President	Dennis “Fresh” Onishi, Hawaii County Council Danny Paleka (alternate)
Secretary	Mel Rapozo, Kauai County Council Ross Kagawa (alternate)



Treasurer Ikaika Anderson, Honolulu City Council
 Joey Manahan (alternate)

Vice President Onishi moved for approval of the slate of officers for Fiscal Year 2017, seconded by Secretary Rapozo, and unanimously carried.

- B. The following are nominees to the NACo Board of Directors and WIR Board of Directors for the 2016-2017 term.

NACo Board of Directors

- KipuKai Kuali'i, Kauai County Council
- Ikaika Anderson, Honolulu City Council

WIR Board of Directors

- Mike White, Maui County Council
- Danny Paleka, Hawaii County Council

Secretary Rapozo moved for approval of the nominees to the NACo and WIR Boards of Directors for the 2016-2017 term, seconded by Vice President Onishi, and unanimously carried.

Immediate NACo Past President Hokama reported that for each NACo presidential appointment, the president sends out notification well in advance of the deadline for members to apply for certain positions. In their application, members may request an area of interest, and the president, staff, NACo Executive Director Chase, with input from NACo's professional lobbying group, will make a decision for the term of the president. Councilmember Hokama said that during his term as president, he and Mr. Chase made strategic choices and considered which states and counties the congressional chairs were from, and tried to match House and Senate leadership with county representatives to improve communication access to advance county issues before Congress. At his sole discretion, the NACo President also appoints 10 at-large Board of Directors to balance the board, whether it is for minority groups or certain areas of underrepresentation, etc. Councilmember Hokama added that all past NACo Presidents from active member counties who continue to be elected serve on the NACo Board until they leave office. NACo wants people who want to sit at the table and participate towards protecting county interests in Congress.



VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Matt Chase, NACo Executive Director, thanked HSAC for the opportunity to attend the HSAC Annual Conference in Kona. NACo is honored with the participation of Hawai'i's representatives, who bring great spirit to NACo. Hawai'i's congressional delegation has been key for many decades leading up to today, and NACo continues to be very engaged with the tremendous amount of movement at the national level and the extensive list of issues at the Supreme Court and Federal Court levels. One big issue with potential impact to counties and adds substantial costs are added regulations. Waters of the United States (WOTUS), which is in the courts now, will affect decisions made regarding Maui's wastewater issue. Mr. Chase encouraged everyone to keep abreast of national news. He highlighted the following: Congress has expressed concern with the rising costs of dealing with disasters, which has prompted FEMA to develop new regulations that would force state and local governments to pay deductibles and basically capping the federal government's contribution towards disaster recovery. The Department of Labor just issued new overtime rules that even those counties that are supportive of it are concerned with a one-size-fits all approach. The rules affect approximately four million individuals, including counties with a significant number of employees driving up costs. Serious flaws in the crafting of this proposed legislation are to blame. Finally, there is a full range of issues with great impact across the country, including EPA proposed regulation, the opioid heroin epidemic, mental health and criminal justice reform, and transportation.

- A. Discussion on the proposed 2017 HSAC Legislative Package timeline:
 - 1. September 9, 2016 — Deadline to receive proposals from each county to be included in the 2017 HSAC Legislative Package.
 - 2. September 30, 2016 — Deadline for the Executive Committee to forward the proposals to each county for consideration.
 - 3. November 25, 2016 — Deadline for counties to approve the proposed 2017 HSAC Legislative Package.
 - 4. January 18, 2017 — Opening day of 2017 State Legislative Session; luncheon and briefing with State legislators.

Treasurer Anderson moved for approval of the foregoing legislative timetable, seconded by Secretary Rapozo, and unanimously carried.

- B. Discussion on lobbying efforts for 2017 State Legislative Session.



Scott Ishikawa, Becker Communications, reported that Becker Communications assisted HSAC with media relations this past legislative session. Despite it being midstream in the legislative session, HSAC did get some positive media coverage particularly regarding the transient accommodations tax (TAT). At the same time, because it was late in the session, the media tactics employed were limited so as not to aggravate State lawmakers as they moved closer to decision making. Mr. Ishikawa noted the challenges HSAC faced with regard to TAT, especially with regard to the public's difficulty with understanding the difference between State and County governments. He said that missing from a message standpoint is that "state lawmakers need to be convinced to increase the TAT distribution to the counties."

Mr. Ishikawa recommended that HSAC start developing its media strategy, from start to finish, for the 2017 legislative session utilizing the various media tactics. The position statement can be tweaked based on HSAC's legislative priorities for the 2017 legislative session, noting that concerns have been conveyed about counties needing to raise real property taxes as costs increase if this funding situation does not address the counties' needs. Meetings/speaking engagements with news media and business organizations could begin as early as November, especially on the neighbor islands, so that HSAC's position is clear and understood, as well as to establish media relations for future needs. Mr. Ishikawa then reviewed other recommendations listed on his June 21, 2016 memorandum (see attachment hereto).

President Victorino commented that HSAC needs support of the unions, like HGEA, UPW, SHOPO, Firefighters, and others who are the benefactors of the visitor industry and protectors of the visitor industry, for which their salary increases have a profound effect on county budgets. HSAC needs a definitive plan, and President Victorino requested input from attendees.

Councilmember Hokama agreed with the Executive Committee's actions to promote HSAC's priorities during the past legislative session, but was disappointed with the outcome. He recommended utilizing NACo resources to obtain research data that would assist in promoting HSAC's position at the State Capitol. Fourteen bargaining units are currently in negotiations, and the State will be facing budgetary issues related to these contracts, much like the counties. It may be time to ask the people to hold a constitutional convention to lay out the responsibilities and revenue streams for the



counties without state interference, to allow government to perform for the benefit of the people.

Secretary Rapozo responded to Councilmember Hokama's concerns with the past legislative lobbying efforts. Becker Communications ("Becker") provided the support requested by HSAC. Citing a "balls to the wall" campaign, HCOM (Hawai'i Council of Mayors) started the ball rolling and requested support from the Council Chairs on the TAT issue. HSAC also agreed to be onboard, and for the first time, everyone was in agreement. A decision was made late in 2015 that HSAC would support an "all out" effort regarding the TAT. HSAC hired Becker, who researched the issue and got members in front of the camera. Becker also drafted an op-ed regarding the TAT. Then on a subsequent conference call between all parties, Maui County's mayor backed out in fear of losing State funding for CIP projects. Kaua'i County's mayor followed Mayor Arakawa and pulled out, so HCOM caved in. HSAC also caved in, followed by the Council Chairs. The op-ed was never published under HSAC's name. HSAC paid for Becker's services. Secretary Rapozo took the op-ed and sent it to every media outlet in Hawai'i, and it was printed by *The Garden Island* newspaper, but no other. Kaua'i's legislative delegation was upset, but all other state legislators were unaware. Secretary Rapozo stated that unless public pressure is felt, the decisions made by state legislators will not be affected. He added that beach liability is another critical issue that needs attention next session.

President Victorino agreed that Becker Communications provided the services requested by HSAC to the best of their ability. The important key is that HSAC needs to be committed towards a position and lead the effort.

Councilmember Baisa confirmed that HSAC organized its legislative lobbying in March, which was too late in the session. Legislative lobbying needs to be a year-round priority, and those meetings with state legislators need to happen months in advance of the session starting in January. She requested that HSAC set aside funds for someone (a consultant, a staff member, etc.) whose job it will be to coordinate the lobbying plan and make it happen. Councilmember Baisa recommended more updates regarding HSAC activities, and that daily updates be provided during the legislative session. HSAC needs to build its circle of partners (community organizations, visitor industry, etc.) to be more effective. She commended Mr. Ishikawa's efforts in assisting HSAC during the legislative session. Councilmember Baisa recommended that a committee be formed immediately to start work on the



upcoming legislative priorities and issues. HSAC needs to commit to being a presence and spending money to achieve positive results.

Councilmember Paleka stated that this matter requires more consideration, because alternatives, such as legal recourse, have been mentioned. The membership needs more information on all alternatives.

President Victorino noted that the Executive Committee will continue this discussion regarding HSAC's legislative efforts at its meeting in July. He invited all County Councilmembers to be involved in HSAC's activities.

Secretary Rapozo moved to refer this item to the July 8, 2016 Executive Committee Meeting, seconded by Treasurer Anderson, and unanimously carried.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

X. ADJOURNMENT

President Victorino noted that this is his one and only chance to conduct the General Membership Meeting, because he and Councilmember Baisa have reached their respective term limits for service on the Council and are moving on. He wished everyone success in their upcoming election bids and success in their continued work at the counties. Finally, President Victorino thanked everyone and the staff for their work in coordinating the annual conference.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mel Rapozo", is written over a horizontal line.

MEL RAPOZO, Secretary
Hawai'i State Association of Counties

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Counties of Kaua'i, Maui, Hawai'i and City & County of Honolulu

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MINUTES
HSAC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
December 22, 2016
Honolulu Hale, Committee Meeting Room
530 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

CALL TO ORDER

The HSAC General Membership Meeting was called to order by HSAC President and County of Maui Councilmember Michael Victorino at 12:33 p.m. The following members comprising a quorum were present:

County of Maui: President Michael Victorino,
County of Maui Councilmember

County of Hawai'i: Vice President Dru Kanuha
County of Hawai'i Councilmember

County of Kaua'i: Secretary Mel Rapozo,
County of Kaua'i Council Chair

City and County of Honolulu: Treasurer Ikaika Anderson,
City and County of Honolulu Councilmember

Others Present:

Maui Council: Councilmember Stacy Crivello, Councilmember Riki Hokama

Scott Ishikawa, Becker Communications, Inc.

Honolulu Council staff: Brandon Mitsuda, Francisco Figueiredo, Kamakana Watanabe, Alan Texeira

County of Maui Council staff: Kit Zulueta

Kaua'i Council staff: Aida Kawamura



II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Secretary Rapozo moved for approval of the Agenda as circulated, seconded by Vice President Kanuha, and unanimously carried.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation of the 2017 HSAC Legislative Package, which includes the following bills:

- 1) A bill for an act relating to government records (Maui County)
- 2) A bill for an act relating to important agricultural lands (Maui County)
- 3) A bill for an act relating to collective bargaining (Maui County)
- 4) A bill for an act relating to tort liability (Kaua'i County)
- 5) A bill for an act relating to unadjudicated traffic fines (Kaua'i County)
- 6) A bill for an act making an appropriation for emergency medical services (Kaua'i County)
- 7) A bill for an act relating to unmanned aerial vehicles (City & County of Honolulu)
- 8) A bill for an act relating to community meetings (Maui County)
- 9) A bill for an act relating to identification cards for persons with disabilities (Maui County)
- 10) A bill for an act relating to transient accommodations tax (Maui County)

•Bills are available for review at www.hicounties.com/2017hsacpackage.

Members discussed prioritizing the measures as follows:

- 1) A bill for an act relating to tort liability
- 2) A bill for an act relating to transient accommodations tax
- 3) A bill for an act making an appropriation for emergency medical services
- 4) A bill for an act relating to collective bargaining

President Victorino recommended that the ILWU be added to the list of organizations that HSAC will be meeting with to discuss and gain support on the legislative package.



Councilmember Riki Hokama commented that the legislative package is a good one, and that the new officers may find it necessary to revisit the priorities according to considerations made by the Legislature. Councilmember Hokama stated support for HSAC's efforts and felt that it is important to have a mid-year meeting with greater attendance by councilmembers. Councilmember Hokama informed the membership that he is drafting a proposal that directs all issues with statewide implications be determined by the legislature, rather than each county creating individual considerations on matters such as genetically modified organisms (GMO) which has statewide impact. Regarding the discussion on hiring a legislative coordinator, Councilmember Hokama stated that he did not oppose it, and that goals need to be set for this position to meet that verifies their effectiveness and success and warrants continued service to the organization. Councilmember Hokama also believed that besides each county paying dues, assistance to the host county must be provided for a successful annual conference that generates \$25,000 to \$50,000 of net revenue. Councilmember Hokama stated that it is important that HSAC explore and take advantage of all opportunities available to assist with generating revenue.

Secretary Rapozo noted that the union organizations may have an issue with the measure relating to collective bargaining, and that he recommended the membership consider a compromise by taking it off the package if the unions can commit to supporting the rest of the legislative package. Regarding the EMS ambulance measure, it is a request by the EMS organization, who determined the priority for ambulance placement.

President Victorino recommended that the paper on talking points be finalized and available for all members prior to the Legislature's opening day. A packet containing the HSAC Legislative measures will be provided to all legislators.

B. Discussion on lobbying efforts for 2017 State Legislative Session

President Victorino noted that discussion regarding lobbying efforts took place during the Executive Committee meeting.



VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Executive Committee thanked President Michael Victorino for his service and dedication to HSAC and sister counties, and wished him well in his future endeavors. President Victorino was presented with a signed certificate.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mel Rapozo".

MEL RAPOZO, Secretary
Hawai'i State Association of Counties

Hawaii State Association of Counties
REVENUES COLLECTED AND EXPENSES PAID
 Period: June 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016

BEGINNING BALANCE				\$205,307.62
	Current Period	FY 2016	FY 2016	
	June	Year to Date	Budget	
REVENUES				
Membership Fees	\$0.00	\$43,680.00	\$43,680.00	
Conference Income	\$0.00	\$70,608.88	\$15,000.00	
Interest Income	\$3.31	\$25.66	\$28.00	
Corporate Sponsorship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	
NACo Prescription Drug	\$0.00	\$3,776.00	\$6,000.00	
Fund Balance, prior FY		\$0.00	\$107,164.00	
Total	\$3.31	\$128,090.54	\$171,872.00	
Total Receipts This Period				\$3.31
EXPENSES				
Executive Committee				
Travel-Air and Ground	\$2,014.05	\$7,551.21	\$17,500.00	
Auditing Services	\$0.00	\$3,906.25	\$5,000.00	
Stationery	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	
Miscellaneous	\$379.63	\$2,591.20	\$2,000.00	
Online Quickbooks Monthly Fee	\$41.55	\$332.40	\$500.00	
Special Committees				
Travel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	
NACo				
Board Travel-Air and Ground		\$7,906.69	\$20,000.00	
Steering Committees Travel-Air and Ground	\$0.00	\$1,109.31	\$6,000.00	
Promotional	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	
Dues	\$0.00	\$26,751.00	\$27,268.00	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$1,390.69	\$1,000.00	
WIR				
WIR Travel-Air and Ground	\$3,233.82	\$7,864.78	\$10,500.00	
WIR Promotional	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,250.00	
WIR Dues	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,804.00	
WIR Miscellaneous	\$56.90	\$56.90	\$1,000.00	
WIR 2015 Conference	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,755.00	
OTHER				
Adjustments for Travel and Related Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,295.00	
National Conference Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$44,000.00	
Prescription Drug Scholarship Program	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,500.00	
County Leadership Institute Attendee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	
Prescription Drug Promotion	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	
HSAC Promotion	\$2,620.84	\$2,620.84	\$3,500.00	
Total	\$8,346.79	\$62,081.27	\$171,872.00	
Total Expenses This Period				\$8,346.79
ENDING BALANCE				\$196,964.14

Hawaii State Association of Counties
REVENUES COLLECTED AND EXPENSES PAID
 Period: July 1, 2016 through July 31, 2016

BEGINNING BALANCE				\$196,964.14
	Current Period	FY 2017	FY 2017	
	July	Year to Date	Budget	
REVENUES				
Membership Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$43,680.00	
Conference Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	
Interest Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$28.00	
Corporate Sponsorship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Miscellaneous	\$3.34	\$3.34	\$0.00	
NACo Prescription Drug	\$794.00	\$794.00	\$6,000.00	
Fund Balance, prior FY		\$0.00	\$107,164.00	
Total	\$3.34	\$797.34	\$171,872.00	
Total Receipts This Period				\$797.34
EXPENSES				
Executive Committee Travel-Air, Ground, Lodging & Membership	\$817.78	\$817.78	\$17,500.00	
Auditing Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	
Stationery	\$205.75	\$205.75	\$150.00	
Miscellaneous	\$426.15	\$426.15	\$2,000.00	
Online Quickbooks Monthly Fee	\$41.55	\$41.55	\$500.00	
Special Committees				
Travel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	
NACo				
Board Travel-Air, Ground, and Lodging	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	
Steering Committees Travel-Air ,Ground & Lodging	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	
Promotional	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	
Dues	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$27,268.00	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	
WIR				
WIR Travel-Air, Ground and Lodging	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,500.00	
WIR Promotional	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
WIR Dues	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,804.00	
WIR Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	
WIR 2015 Conference	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
OTHER				
Adjustments for Travel and Related Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,295.00	
National Conference Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$44,000.00	
Prescription Drug Scholarship Program	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,500.00	
County Leadership Institute Attendee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	
Prescription Drug Promotion	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	
HSAC Promotion	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,505.00	
Total	\$1,491.23	\$1,491.23	\$171,872.00	
Total Expenses This Period				\$1,491.23
ENDING BALANCE				\$196,270.25

Hawaii State Association of Counties
REVENUES COLLECTED AND EXPENSES PAID
 Period: August 1, 2016 through August 31, 2016

BEGINNING BALANCE				\$196,270.25
	Current Period	FY 2017	FY 2017	
	August	Year to Date	Budget	
REVENUES				
Membership Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$43,680.00	
Conference Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	
Interest Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$28.00	
Corporate Sponsorship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Miscellaneous	\$3.30	\$6.64	\$0.00	
NACo Prescription Drug	\$0.00	\$794.00	\$6,000.00	
Fund Balance, prior FY		\$0.00	\$107,164.00	
Total	\$3.30	\$800.64	\$171,872.00	
Total Receipts This Period				\$3.30
EXPENSES				
Executive Committee Travel-Air, Ground, Lodging & Membership	\$225.49	\$1,043.27	\$17,500.00	
Auditing Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	
Stationery	\$0.00	\$205.75	\$150.00	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$426.15	\$2,000.00	
Online Quickbooks Monthly Fee	\$41.55	\$83.10	\$500.00	
Special Committees				
Travel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	
NACo				
Board Travel-Air, Ground, and Lodging	\$3,906.54	\$3,906.54	\$20,000.00	
Steering Committees Travel-Air ,Ground & Lodging	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	
Promotional	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	
Dues	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$27,268.00	
Miscellaneous	\$778.09	\$778.09	\$1,000.00	
WIR				
WIR Travel-Air, Ground and Lodging	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,500.00	
WIR Promotional	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
WIR Dues	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,804.00	
WIR Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	
WIR 2015 Conference	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
OTHER				
Adjustments for Travel and Related Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,295.00	
National Conference Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$44,000.00	
Prescription Drug Scholarship Program	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,500.00	
County Leadership Institute Attendee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	
Prescription Drug Promotion	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	
HSAC Promotion	\$734.85	\$734.85	\$11,505.00	
Total	\$5,686.52	\$7,177.75	\$171,872.00	
Total Expenses This Period				\$5,686.52
ENDING BALANCE				\$190,587.03

Hawaii State Association of Counties
REVENUES COLLECTED AND EXPENSES PAID
 Period: September 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016

BEGINNING BALANCE				\$190,587.03
	Current Period	FY 2017	FY 2017	
	September	Year to Date	Budget	
REVENUES				
Membership Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$43,680.00	
Conference Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	
Interest Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$28.00	
Corporate Sponsorship		\$0.00	\$0.00	
Miscellaneous	\$3.09	\$9.73	\$0.00	
NACo Prescription Drug	\$1,190.40	\$1,984.40	\$6,000.00	
Fund Balance, prior FY		\$0.00	\$107,164.00	
Total	\$1,193.49	\$1,994.13	\$171,872.00	
Total Receipts This Period				\$1,193.49
EXPENSES				
HSAC				
Executive Committee Travel-Air, Ground, Lodging & Membership	\$1,126.69	\$2,169.96	\$17,500.00	
Auditing Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	
Stationery	\$0.00	\$205.75	\$150.00	
Miscellaneous	\$288.36	\$714.51	\$2,000.00	
Online Quickbooks Monthly Fee	\$41.55	\$124.65	\$500.00	
Special Committees				
Travel		\$0.00	\$500.00	
Miscellaneous		\$0.00	\$100.00	
NACo				
Board Travel-Air, Ground, and Lodging	\$2,934.00	\$6,840.54	\$20,000.00	
Steering Committees Travel-Air, Ground & Lodging	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	
Promotional	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	
Dues	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$27,268.00	
Miscellaneous	\$150.79	\$928.88	\$1,000.00	
WIR				
WIR Travel-Air, Ground and Lodging	\$942.40	\$942.40	\$10,500.00	
WIR Promotional	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
WIR Dues	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,804.00	
WIR Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	
WIR 2015 Conference	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
OTHER				
Adjustments for Travel and Related Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,295.00	
National Conference Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$44,000.00	
Prescription Drug Scholarship Program	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,500.00	
County Leadership Institute Attendee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	
Prescription Drug Promotion	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	
HSAC Promotion	\$0.00	\$734.85	\$11,505.00	
Total	\$5,483.79	\$12,661.54	\$171,872.00	
Total Expenses This Period				\$5,483.79
ENDING BALANCE				\$186,296.73

Hawaii State Association of Counties
REVENUES COLLECTED AND EXPENSES PAID
 Period: October 1, 2016 through October 31, 2016

BEGINNING BALANCE				\$186,296.73
	October	FY 2017 Year to Date	FY 2017 Budget	
REVENUES				
Membership Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$43,680.00	
Conference Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	
Interest Income	\$3.15	\$3.15	\$28.00	
Corporate Sponsorship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$9.73	\$0.00	
NACo Prescription Drug	\$0.00	\$1,984.40	\$6,000.00	
Fund Balance, prior FY		\$0.00	\$107,164.00	
Total	\$3.15	\$1,997.28	\$171,872.00	
Total Receipts This Period				\$3.15
EXPENSES				
HSAC				
Executive Committee Travel-Air, Ground, Lodging & Membership	\$257.85	\$2,427.81	\$17,500.00	
Auditing Services		\$0.00	\$5,000.00	
Stationery		\$205.75	\$150.00	
Miscellaneous	\$225.27	\$939.78	\$2,000.00	
Online Quickbooks Monthly Fee	\$41.55	\$166.20	\$500.00	
Special Committees				
Travel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	
NACo				
Board Travel-Air, Ground, and Lodging	\$0.00	\$6,840.54	\$20,000.00	
Steering Committees Travel-Air, Ground & Lodging	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	
Promotional	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	
Dues	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$27,268.00	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$928.88	\$1,000.00	
WIR				
WIR Travel-Air, Ground and Lodging	\$1,011.17	\$1,011.17	\$10,500.00	
WIR Promotional	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
WIR Dues	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,804.00	
WIR Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	
WIR 2015 Conference	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
OTHER				
Adjustments for Travel and Related Expenses		\$0.00	\$6,295.00	
National Conference Fund		\$0.00	\$44,000.00	
Prescription Drug Scholarship Program		\$0.00	\$6,500.00	
County Leadership Institute Attendee		\$0.00	\$3,000.00	
Prescription Drug Promotion		\$0.00	\$5,000.00	
HSAC Promotion	\$1,247.83	\$1,982.68	\$11,505.00	
Total	\$2,783.67	\$14,502.81	\$171,872.00	
Total Expenses This Period				\$2,783.67
ENDING BALANCE				\$183,516.21

Hawaii State Association of Counties
REVENUES COLLECTED AND EXPENSES PAID
 Period: November 1, 2016 through November 30, 2016

BEGINNING BALANCE				\$183,516.21
	November	FY 2017 Year to Date	FY 2017 Budget	
REVENUES				
Membership Fees	\$32,760.00	\$43,680.00	\$43,680.00	
Conference Income	\$30,084.31	\$19,168.26	\$15,000.00	
Interest Income	\$2.95	\$6.10	\$28.00	
Corporate Sponsorship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$9.73	\$0.00	
NACo Prescription Drug	\$0.00	\$1,984.40	\$6,000.00	
Fund Balance, prior FY		\$0.00	\$107,164.00	
Total	\$62,847.26	\$64,848.49	\$171,872.00	
Total Receipts This Period				\$62,847.26
EXPENSES				
HSAC				
Executive Committee Travel-Air, Ground, Lodging & Membership	\$976.41	\$3,404.22	\$17,500.00	
Auditing Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	
Stationery	\$0.00	\$205.75	\$150.00	
Miscellaneous	\$198.47	\$1,138.25	\$2,000.00	
Online Quickbooks Monthly Fee	\$41.55	\$207.75	\$500.00	
Special Committees				
Travel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	
NACo				
Board Travel-Air, Ground, and Lodging	\$1,406.65	\$6,840.54	\$20,000.00	
Steering Committees Travel-Air, Ground & Lodging	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	
Promotional	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	
Dues	\$26,751.00	\$0.00	\$27,268.00	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$928.88	\$1,000.00	
WIR				
WIR Travel-Air, Ground and Lodging	\$0.00	\$1,011.17	\$10,500.00	
WIR Promotional	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
WIR Dues	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,804.00	
WIR Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	
WIR 2015 Conference	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
OTHER				
Adjustments for Travel and Related Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,295.00	
National Conference Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$44,000.00	
Prescription Drug Scholarship Program	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,500.00	
County Leadership Institute Attendee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	
Prescription Drug Promotion	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	
HSAC Promotion	\$1,844.29	\$1,982.68	\$11,505.00	
Total	\$31,218.37	\$15,719.24	\$171,872.00	
Total Expenses This Period				\$31,218.37
ENDING BALANCE				\$215,145.10

Hawaii State Association of Counties
REVENUES COLLECTED AND EXPENSES PAID
 Period: December 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016

BEGINNING BALANCE				\$215,145.10
	December	FY 2017 Year to Date	FY 2017 Budget	
REVENUES				
Membership Fees	\$0.00	\$43,680.00	\$43,680.00	
Conference Income	\$0.00	\$19,168.26	\$15,000.00	
Interest Income	\$3.63	\$9.73	\$28.00	
Corporate Sponsorship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$9.73	\$0.00	
NACo Prescription Drug	\$0.00	\$1,984.40	\$6,000.00	
Fund Balance, prior FY		\$0.00	\$107,164.00	
Total	\$3.63	\$64,852.12	\$171,872.00	
Total Receipts This Period				\$3.63
EXPENSES				
HSAC				
Executive Committee Travel-Air, Ground, Lodging & Membership	\$2,617.34	\$6,021.56	\$17,500.00	
Auditing Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	
Stationery	\$0.00	\$205.75	\$150.00	
Miscellaneous	\$850.36	\$1,988.61	\$2,000.00	
Online Quickbooks Monthly Fee	\$41.55	\$249.30	\$500.00	
Special Committees				
Travel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	
NACo		\$0.00		
Board Travel-Air, Ground, and Lodging	\$0.00	\$8,247.19	\$20,000.00	
Steering Committees Travel-Air, Ground & Lodging	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	
Promotional	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	
Dues	\$0.00	\$26,751.00	\$27,268.00	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$928.88	\$1,000.00	
		\$0.00		
WIR		\$0.00		
WIR Travel-Air, Ground and Lodging	\$0.00	\$1,953.57	\$10,500.00	
WIR Promotional	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
WIR Dues	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,804.00	
WIR Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	
WIR 2015 Conference	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
		\$0.00		
OTHER		\$0.00		
Adjustments for Travel and Related Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,295.00	
National Conference Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$44,000.00	
Prescription Drug Scholarship Program	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,500.00	
County Leadership Institute Attendee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	
Prescription Drug Promotion	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	
HSAC Promotion	\$1,504.55	\$5,331.52	\$11,505.00	
Total	\$5,013.80	\$51,677.38	\$171,872.00	
Total Expenses This Period				\$5,013.80
ENDING BALANCE				\$210,134.93

Hawaii State Association of Counties
REVENUES COLLECTED AND EXPENSES PAID
 Period: January 1, 2017 through January 31, 2017

BEGINNING BALANCE				\$210,134.93
	January	FY 2017 Year to Date	FY 2017 Budget	
REVENUES				
Membership Fees	\$0.00	\$43,680.00	\$43,680.00	
Conference Income	\$0.00	\$19,168.26	\$15,000.00	
Interest Income	\$3.44	\$13.17	\$28.00	
Corporate Sponsorship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
NACo Prescription Drug	\$0.00	\$1,984.40	\$6,000.00	
Fund Balance, prior FY		\$0.00	\$107,164.00	
Total	\$3.44	\$64,845.83	\$171,872.00	
Total Receipts This Period				\$3.44
EXPENSES				
HSAC				
Executive Committee Travel-Air, Ground, Lodging & Membership	\$758.54	\$6,780.10	\$17,500.00	
Auditing Services	\$4,166.67	\$4,166.67	\$5,000.00	
Stationery	\$254.09	\$459.84	\$150.00	
Miscellaneous	\$5,735.75	\$7,724.36	\$2,000.00	
Online Quickbooks Monthly Fee	\$41.75	\$291.05	\$500.00	
Special Committees				
Travel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	
NACo		\$0.00		
Board Travel-Air, Ground, and Lodging	\$0.00	\$8,247.19	\$20,000.00	
Steering Committees Travel-Air, Ground & Lodging	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	
Promotional	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	
Dues	\$0.00	\$26,751.00	\$27,268.00	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$928.88	\$1,000.00	
		\$0.00		
WIR		\$0.00		
WIR Travel-Air, Ground and Lodging	\$0.00	\$1,953.57	\$10,500.00	
WIR Promotional	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
WIR Dues	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,804.00	
WIR Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	
WIR 2015 Conference	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
		\$0.00		
OTHER		\$0.00		
Adjustments for Travel and Related Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,295.00	
National Conference Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$44,000.00	
Prescription Drug Scholarship Program	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,500.00	
County Leadership Institute Attendee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	
Prescription Drug Promotion	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	
HSAC Promotion	\$4,416.60	\$5,331.52	\$11,505.00	
Total	\$15,373.40	\$62,634.18	\$171,872.00	
Total Expenses This Period				\$15,373.40
ENDING BALANCE				\$194,764.97

Hawaii State Association of Counties
REVENUES COLLECTED AND EXPENSES PAID
 Period: February 1 through February 28, 2017

BEGINNING BALANCE				\$194,764.97
	February	FY 2017 Year to Date	FY 2017 Budget	
REVENUES				
Membership Fees	\$0.00	\$43,680.00	\$43,680.00	
Conference Income	\$0.00	\$19,168.26	\$18,000.00	
Interest Income	\$2.94	\$16.11	\$28.00	
Corporate Sponsorship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$9.73	\$0.00	
NACo Prescription Drug	\$537.20	\$2,521.60	\$6,000.00	
Fund Balance, prior FY		\$0.00	\$107,164.00	
Total	\$540.14	\$65,395.70	\$174,872.00	
Total Receipts This Period				\$540.14
EXPENSES				
HSAC				
Executive Committee Travel-Air, Ground, Lodging & Membership	\$786.45	\$7,566.55	\$17,600.00	
Auditing Services	\$0.00	\$4,166.67	\$5,000.00	
Stationery	\$266.37	\$459.84	\$150.00	
Miscellaneous	\$1,947.06	\$9,671.42	\$2,000.00	
Online Quickbooks Monthly Fee	\$41.75	\$332.80	\$500.00	
Special Committees				
Travel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	
NACo		\$0.00		
Board Travel-Air, Ground, and Lodging	\$989.81	\$8,247.19	\$20,000.00	
Steering Committees Travel-Air, Ground & Lodging	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	
Promotional	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	
Dues	\$0.00	\$26,751.00	\$27,268.00	
Miscellaneous	\$2,249.32	\$928.88	\$1,000.00	
WIR		\$0.00		
WIR Travel-Air, Ground and Lodging	\$0.00	\$1,953.57	\$10,500.00	
WIR Promotional	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
WIR Dues	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,804.00	
WIR Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	
WIR 2015 Conference	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
OTHER		\$0.00		
Adjustments for Travel and Related Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,295.00	
National Conference Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$44,000.00	
Prescription Drug Scholarship Program	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,500.00	
County Leadership Institute Attendee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	
Prescription Drug Promotion	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	
HSAC Promotion	\$0.00	\$5,331.52	\$11,505.00	
Total	\$6,280.76	\$65,409.44	\$171,972.00	
Total Expenses This Period				\$6,280.76
ENDING BALANCE				\$189,024.35

Hawaii State Association of Counties
REVENUES COLLECTED AND EXPENSES PAID
 Period: March 1 through March 31, 2017

BEGINNING BALANCE				\$189,024.35
	March	FY 2017 Year to Date	FY 2017 Budget	
REVENUES				
Membership Fees	\$0.00	\$43,680.00	\$43,680.00	
Conference Income	\$0.00	\$19,168.26	\$18,000.00	
Interest Income	\$3.18	\$19.29	\$28.00	
Corporate Sponsorship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$9.73	\$0.00	
NACo Prescription Drug	\$0.00	\$2,521.60	\$6,000.00	
Fund Balance, prior FY		\$0.00	\$107,164.00	
Total	\$3.18	\$65,398.88	\$174,872.00	
Total Receipts This Period				\$3.18
EXPENSES				
HSAC				
Executive Committee Travel-Air, Ground, Lodging & Membership	\$1,756.63	\$9,323.18	\$17,600.00	
Auditing Services	\$0.00	\$4,166.67	\$5,000.00	
Stationery	\$0.00	\$459.84	\$150.00	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$9,671.42	\$2,000.00	
Online Quickbooks Monthly Fee	\$41.75	\$374.55	\$500.00	
Special Committees				
Travel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	
NACo		\$0.00		
Board Travel-Air, Ground, and Lodging	\$4,000.00	\$8,247.19	\$20,000.00	
Steering Committees Travel-Air, Ground & Lodging	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	
Promotional	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	
Dues	\$0.00	\$26,751.00	\$27,268.00	
Miscellaneous	\$264.00	\$928.88	\$1,000.00	
		\$0.00		
WIR		\$0.00		
WIR Travel-Air, Ground and Lodging	\$0.00	\$1,953.57	\$10,500.00	
WIR Promotional	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
WIR Dues	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,804.00	
WIR Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	
WIR 2015 Conference	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
		\$0.00		
OTHER		\$0.00		
Adjustments for Travel and Related Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,295.00	
National Conference Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$44,000.00	
Prescription Drug Scholarship Program	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,500.00	
County Leadership Institute Attendee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	
Prescription Drug Promotion	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	
HSAC Promotion	\$0.00	\$5,331.52	\$11,505.00	
Total	\$6,062.38	\$67,207.82	\$171,972.00	
Total Expenses This Period				\$6,062.38
ENDING BALANCE				\$182,965.15

Hawaii State Association of Counties
REVENUES COLLECTED AND EXPENSES PAID
 Period: April 1 through April 30, 2017

BEGINNING BALANCE				\$182,965.15
	April 2017	FY 2017 Year to Date	FY 2017 Budget	
REVENUES				
Membership Fees	\$0.00	\$43,680.00	\$43,680.00	
Conference Income	\$0.00	\$19,168.26	\$18,000.00	
Interest Income	\$2.97	\$22.26	\$28.00	
Corporate Sponsorship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$9.73	\$0.00	
NACo Prescription Drug	\$0.00	\$2,521.60	\$6,000.00	
Fund Balance, prior FY		\$0.00	\$107,164.00	
Total	\$2.97	\$65,401.85	\$174,872.00	
Total Receipts This Period				\$2.97
EXPENSES				
HSAC				
Executive Committee Travel-Air, Ground, Lodging & Membership	\$2,371.80	\$11,694.98	\$17,600.00	
Auditing Services	\$0.00	\$4,166.67	\$5,000.00	
Stationery	\$0.00	\$726.21	\$150.00	
Miscellaneous	\$453.07	\$10,124.49	\$2,000.00	
Online Quickbooks Monthly Fee	\$41.75	\$416.30	\$500.00	
Special Committees				
Travel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	
		\$0.00		
NACo				
Board Travel-Air, Ground, and Lodging	\$0.00	\$13,237.00	\$20,000.00	
Steering Committees Travel-Air, Ground & Lodging	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	
Promotional	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	
Dues	\$0.00	\$26,751.00	\$27,268.00	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$3,442.20	\$1,000.00	
		\$0.00		
WIR				
WIR Travel-Air, Ground and Lodging	\$0.00	\$1,953.57	\$10,500.00	
WIR Promotional	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
WIR Dues	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,804.00	
WIR Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	
WIR 2015 Conference	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
OTHER				
Adjustments for Travel and Related Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,295.00	
National Conference Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$44,000.00	
Prescription Drug Scholarship Program	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,500.00	
County Leadership Institute Attendee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	
Prescription Drug Promotion	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	
HSAC Promotion	\$3,620.84	\$13,368.96	\$11,505.00	
Total	\$6,487.46	\$85,881.38	\$171,972.00	
Total Expenses This Period				\$6,487.46
ENDING BALANCE				\$176,480.66

Hawaii State Association of Counties
REVENUES COLLECTED AND EXPENSES PAID
 Period: May 1 through May 31, 2017

BEGINNING BALANCE				\$176,480.66
	May 2017	FY 2017 Year to Date	FY 2017 Budget	
REVENUES				
Membership Fees	\$0.00	\$43,680.00	\$43,680.00	
Conference Income	\$0.00	\$19,168.26	\$18,000.00	
Interest Income	\$2.92	\$25.18	\$28.00	
Corporate Sponsorship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$9.73	\$0.00	
NACo Prescription Drug	\$542.00	\$3,063.60	\$6,000.00	
Fund Balance, prior FY		\$0.00	\$107,164.00	
Total	\$544.92	\$65,946.77	\$174,872.00	
Total Receipts This Period				\$544.92
EXPENSES				
HSAC				
Executive Committee Travel-Air, Ground, Lodging & Membership	\$2,705.29	\$14,400.27	\$17,600.00	
Auditing Services	\$0.00	\$4,166.67	\$5,000.00	
Stationery	\$0.00	\$726.21	\$150.00	
Miscellaneous	\$588.29	\$10,712.78	\$2,000.00	
Online Quickbooks Monthly Fee	\$41.75	\$458.05	\$500.00	
Special Committees				
Travel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	
		\$0.00		
NACo				
Board Travel-Air, Ground, and Lodging	\$4,076.19	\$17,313.19	\$20,000.00	
Steering Committees Travel-Air, Ground & Lodging	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	
Promotional	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	
Dues	\$3,507.00	\$30,258.00	\$27,268.00	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$3,442.20	\$1,000.00	
WIR				
WIR Travel-Air, Ground and Lodging	\$0.00	\$1,953.57	\$10,500.00	
WIR Promotional	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
WIR Dues	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,804.00	
WIR Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	
WIR 2015 Conference	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
OTHER				
Adjustments for Travel and Related Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,295.00	
National Conference Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$44,000.00	
Prescription Drug Scholarship Program	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,500.00	
County Leadership Institute Attendee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	
Prescription Drug Promotion	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	
HSAC Promotion	\$1,500.00	\$14,868.96	\$11,505.00	
Total	\$12,418.52	\$98,299.90	\$171,972.00	
Total Expenses This Period				\$12,418.52
ENDING BALANCE				\$164,607.06

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March 10, 2017

Councilmember Stacey Crivello, President
Hawaii State Association of Counties
200 S. High Street, 8th Floor
Wailuku, HI, 96793

Dear President Crivello:

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2018 PROPOSED ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET

As Treasurer of the Hawaii State Association of Counties (HSAC), I am submitting the proposed annual operating budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018. The proposed budget details incorporate the following assumptions and changes:

1. Membership Fees of \$10,920 for each county will remain the same.
2. Conference Income will increase \$7,000 from \$18,000 to \$25,000 for the June conference to be hosted by the Kauai County Council.
3. Interest Income will remain the same.
4. The NACo Prescription Drug Marketing Fee revenue will stay the same at \$6,000.
5. The Total Revenues and Fund Balance will increase to \$181,872.
6. Executive Committee Travel-Air and Ground will remain at \$17,600 (\$350 x 3 members x 12 meetings + \$5,000 members' travel costs to State Legislature).
7. Executive Committee Auditing/Professional Services will remain the same.
8. Executive Committee Stationary will remain the same.
9. Executive Committee Miscellaneous will remain the same.
10. Online Quickbooks Monthly Fee expense of \$500 will remain the same.
11. Special Committee Travel will remain the same
12. Special Committee Miscellaneous will remain the same.
13. NACo Travel-Board Air and Ground will remain the same at \$24,000 (\$2000 x 4 Board Directors x 3 meetings).
14. NACo Travel-Steering Committee-Air and Ground will remain \$8,000 (\$2,000 x 2 Steering Committee members x 2 meetings).
15. NACo Promotional will remain the same.
16. NACo and WIR dues will remain the same.
17. WIR Travel-Air and Ground will remain at \$12,000 (\$2,000 x 2 Board members x 3 meetings).
18. WIR Miscellaneous and NACo Miscellaneous (\$1,000 each) will remain the same.
19. Adjustments for Travel and Related Expenses will remain the same.
20. The National Conference Fund will stay the same at \$44,000.



21. The Prescription Drug Scholarship Program will be reduced by \$1,500 from \$6,500 to \$5000, the \$1,500 will be moved to HSAC Promotion and Outreach.
22. The County Leadership Institute Attendee expense will be reduced by \$1,000 from \$3,000 to \$2,000 and the \$1,000 moved to HSAC Promotion and Outreach.
23. The Prescription Drug Promotion will be increased \$1,400 from \$5,000 to \$6,400.
24. HSAC Promotion and Outreach will be increased by \$3,500 from \$11,500 to \$15,005. This amount has been increased to help cover costs related to communicating HSAC activities and reports to its members, other government officials, and the public.

It is my recommendation that all four counties submit their approval or disapproval of the proposed annual operating budget to the HSAC Executive Committee before the May 2017 meeting of the HSAC Executive Committee.

Malama Pono,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "I. Anderson", written over a horizontal line.

Ikaika Anderson
HSAC Treasurer

Attachment

HSAC FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2017-2018 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET

	FY2017	FY2018
	Budget	Proposed Budget
<u>REVENUES</u>		
1. Membership Fees	\$43,680	\$43,680
2. Conference Income	\$18,000	\$25,000
3. Interest Income	\$28	\$28
4. Corporate Sponsorship	\$0	\$0
5. Miscellaneous	\$0	\$0
6. NACo Prescription Drug Marketing Fee	\$6,000	\$6,000
Fund Balance, prior FY	\$107,164	\$107,164
TOTAL REVENUES AND FUND BALANCE	\$174,872	\$181,872

EXPENSES

1. Executive Committee Travel-Air, Ground, Lodging & Membership	\$17,600	\$17,600
2. Executive Committee Auditing/Professional Services	\$5,000	\$5,000
3. Executive Committee Stationery	\$150	\$150
4. Executive Committee Miscellaneous	\$2,000	\$2,000
5. Online QuickBooks Monthly Fee	\$500	\$500
1. Special Committee Travel	\$500	\$500
2. Special Committee Miscellaneous	\$100	\$100
1. NACo Travel-Board-Air, Ground, Lodging & Membership	\$24,000	\$24,000
2. NACo Travel-Steering Committees-Air and Ground	\$8,000	\$8,000
3. NACo Promotional	\$250	\$250
4. NACo Dues	\$27,268	\$27,268
5. NACo Miscellaneous	\$1,000	\$1,000
1. WIR Travel-Air, Ground, Lodging & Membership	\$12,000	\$12,000
2. WIR Promotional	\$0	\$0
3. WIR Dues	\$3,804	\$3,804
4. WIR Miscellaneous	1,000	1,000
5. WIR 2015 Conference	\$0	\$0
1. Adjustments for Travel and Related Expenses	\$6,295	\$6,295
2. National Conference Fund	\$44,000	\$44,000
3. Prescription Drug Scholarship Program	\$6,500	\$5,000
4. County Leadership Institute Attendee	\$3,000	\$2,000
5. Prescription Drug Promotion	\$5,000	\$6,400
6. HSAC Promotion and Outreach	\$11,505	\$15,005
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$179,472	\$181,872
BALANCE	\$0	\$0

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MINUTES
HSAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
June 22, 2016
Keauhou III, Sheraton Kona Resort
78-128 Ehukai Street
Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i 96740

I. CALL TO ORDER

The HSAC Executive Committee was called to order by HSAC President and County of Maui Councilmember Michael Victorino at 8:35 a.m. The following members comprising a quorum were present:

- County of Maui: President Michael Victorino,
County of Maui Councilmember
- County of Hawai'i: Vice President Dennis "Fresh" Onishi,
County of Hawai'i Councilmember
- County of Kaua'i: Secretary Mel Rapozo,
County of Kaua'i Council Chair
- City and County of Honolulu: Treasurer Ikaika Anderson,
City and County of Honolulu Councilmember
- Others Present: Gladys C. Baisa, County of Maui Councilmember
Riki Hokama, County of Maui Councilmember
Robert Carroll, County of Maui Councilmember
Danny Paleka, County of Hawai'i Councilmember
KipuKai Kuali'i, County of Kaua'i Councilmember
- Honolulu staff Lisa-Ann Kimura, Staff Attorney,
Office of Council Services;
Honolulu staff Brandon Mitsuda, Council Liaison,
Honolulu City Council Administrative Support
Services;
Honolulu staff Francisco Figueiredo, Legislative
Aide, Office of Councilmember Ikaika Anderson;



County of Maui staff Kit Zulueta, Communication
Director, Office of Council Services;
Kaua'i staff Aida Kawamura, Legislative Assistant,
Office of Council Services

President Victorino extended his appreciation to the County of Hawai'i and Vice President Onishi, Hawai'i County Councilmember, for their hard work and hosting the 2016 Annual HSAC Conference.

Vice President Onishi acknowledged Hawai'i County staff members who did the hard work planning the logistics for the 2016 Annual HSAC Conference.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice President Onishi moved for approval of the Agenda as circulated, seconded by Secretary Rapozo, and unanimously carried.

III. MINUTES

- A. Minutes of the May 31, 2016 HSAC Executive Committee meeting, as submitted by the HSAC Secretary.

Vice President Onishi moved for approval of the Minutes of the May 31, 2016 HSAC Executive Committee Meeting, seconded by Secretary Rapozo, and unanimously carried.

IV. REPORTS

- A. Treasurer's Report

- 1. Treasurer's Report for the month of May 2016, as submitted by the HSAC Treasurer.

Treasurer Anderson moved to approve the Treasurer's Report for May 2016, seconded by Vice President Onishi, and unanimously carried.

- B. County Reports

- 1. City and County of Honolulu Report. Treasurer Anderson reported that the City Council passed Bill 13, Relating to the Legislative



Budget, Bill 14, Relating to the Executive Operating Budget, Bill 15, Relating to the Executive Capital Budget, and Bill 18, Relating to the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) Operating Budget, and Bill 19, Relating to the HART Capital Budget, on June 1, 2016. Bill 27, which temporarily exempts ADUs (Additional Dwelling Units) from the requirement to donate land for park and playground purposes, was passed out of committee as amended. ADUs are the City's initiative to bring online additional rental units to address additional housing needs. Honolulu City Council welcomed Councilmembers visiting from Edogawa City, Japan, in the Council Chambers. Finally, Treasurer Anderson represented the Honolulu City Council in New York City on the arrival of the Hokulea. The Hokulea crew had the opportunity to request permission from the indigenous people of Manhattan who trace their lineage back to the area of Manhattan over the past 10,000 years to enter their homeland and spend some time there. Hawai'i's County Mayors, Hawai'i County Council Chair Drew Kanuha, and State Senator Kai Kahele were present at the Hokulea's welcome ceremonies.

2. County of Hawai'i Report. Vice President Onishi reported that Hawai'i County's Styrofoam Ban proposal received a 4:4 vote, thereby defeating the proposal. Several Councilmembers believed that this is a littering problem, and nationally, the United States is one of the countries that least dumps trash into the ocean. Hawai'i County Council also considered increasing Council term limits to 12 years, but the measure has been postponed. Vice President Onishi welcomed and thanked everyone for supporting the 2016 HSAC Annual Conference in Kona.
3. County of Kaua'i Report. Secretary Rapozo reported that the Council approved the County's budgets with no tax increases. The Council considered a Charter amendment relating to implementing a County-Manager form of government, but due to an Attorney General's opinion and research done by Council Services legal staff, it was determined that the County Manager would be subject to Civil Service law and thus undermine the Council's authority over this position. Therefore, the Council received and filed this proposal. After numerous meetings, the Council also rejected establishing a General Excise & Use Tax surcharge.



4. County of Maui Report. President Victorino reported that the Council is dealing with a number of issues and approximately 16 Charter amendments, which includes a proposal for a County Manager form of government. The County has been petitioned to acquire or lease all agricultural lands for organic farming purposes, but currently, the petition does not have the required number of signatures to move forward. President Victorino stated that the Council supports diversified farming, which provides everyone who wants to farm an opportunity to do so. The Council is considering amendments to the budget to address homelessness. Under the leadership of Immediate Past President of NACo Riki Hokama, who chairs the Budget & Finance Committee, Maui County's annual budgets are also complete. The Council has been very prudent at looking at the issues and ensuring that moneys are spent appropriately and in the right places.

Treasurer Anderson moved for approval of the county reports, seconded by Vice President Onishi, and unanimously carried.

C. National Association of Counties (NACo) Report

Vice President Onishi requested that the NACo Report be deferred until the next HSAC Executive Committee Meeting. There were no objections.

Immediate Past President of NACo Riki Hokama, County of Maui Councilmember, reported that NACo will present to the membership a new format on elections of officers with respect to compression of votes. Currently NACo follows the Electoral College format. NACo is proposing to compress each vote, giving a higher dollar value to each vote, resulting in better equality for the smaller states. The key for Hawai'i is supporting the right candidates to achieve appointments and leadership considerations that Hawai'i has enjoyed over the past 30 years. Hawai'i also needs to continue its level of participation to help guarantee considerations for appointments. Councilmember Hokama noted that Hawai'i has alliances with Missouri and California. He introduced Richard Forster, President of the California State Association of Counties, and asked that members support Sister State California by attending the upcoming NACo Annual Conference in Long Beach. Councilmember Hokama also introduced a conference corporate sponsor from NACo, Dan Brady, who is now working for Splunk.



D. Western Interstate Region (WIR) Report

President Victorino noted that Council Chair Mike White, County of Maui, submitted a written report dated June 16, 2016.

Vice President Onishi moved for approval of the NACo and WIR reports, seconded by Treasurer Anderson, and unanimously carried.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Communication from Hawai'i County Clerk Stewart Maeda, transmitting Resolution No. 537-16, entitled "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HAWAII STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET," adopted on June 3, 2016.

Vice President Onishi moved to receive the communication for the record, seconded by Secretary Rapozo, and unanimously carried.

- B. Communication from Hawai'i County Clerk Stewart Maeda, transmitting Resolution No. 538-16, entitled "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HAWAII STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES SLATE OF OFFICERS, NOMINEES TO THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND NOMINEES TO THE WESTERN INTERSTATE REGION BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017," adopted on June 3, 2016.

Vice President Onishi moved to receive the communication for the record, seconded by Secretary Rapozo, and unanimously carried.

- C. Honolulu City Council Resolution 16-125, entitled "APPROVING THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE HAWAII STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2017," adopted on June 1, 2016.

Treasurer Anderson moved to receive the communication for the record, seconded by Secretary Rapozo, and unanimously carried.

- D. Honolulu City Council Resolution 16-126, entitled "RELATING TO APPOINTMENTS AND NOMINATIONS FOR THE HAWAII STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES," adopted on June 1, 2016.



Vice President Onishi moved to receive the communication for the record, seconded by Secretary Rapozo, and unanimously carried.

E. Discussion and consideration of nominations to NACo Steering Committees.

President Victorino noted receipt of the following NACo Steering Committee nominations:

- Valerie Poindexter, Hawai'i County Council – Health
- Mike White, Maui County Council – Transportation
- Michael Victorino, Maui County Council – Environmental, Energy & Land Use
- Don Couch, Maui County Council – Telecommunications Technology or Agricultural and Rural Affairs
- Ikaika Anderson – Large Urban Caucus Presidential Appointment

President Victorino invited all Councilmembers to submit their applications for nomination to a NACo Steering Committee, and noted that applications need to be submitted annually. He reported that he will be seeking reappointment to the Rural Action Caucus Committee and will serve until his term expires.

Treasurer Anderson moved for approval of all nominations to the NACo Steering Committees, seconded by Vice President Onishi, and unanimously carried.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. State Legislature update and discussion on lobbying efforts.

President Victorino noted that Scott Ishikawa from Becker Communications is present at the meeting and will provide a briefing and update during the General Membership Meeting.

Vice President Onishi voiced concern that State Legislators ignored the Counties, especially regarding the transient accommodations tax. HSAC needs to focus on developing strategy to get support from the legislators, so that the counties are not forced to consider raising taxes.



There were no objections to deferring discussion on this matter until the forthcoming General Membership Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 8, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. on O'ahu.
- B. Other announcements.

Vice President Onishi recognized the presence of NACo Executive Director Matt Chase.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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MEL RAPOZO, Secretary
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MINUTES
HSAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
July 8, 2016
Honolulu Hale, Committee Meeting Room
530 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

I. CALL TO ORDER

The HSAC Executive Committee was called to order by HSAC President and County of Maui Councilmember Michael Victorino at 10:00 a.m. The following members comprising a quorum were present:

County of Maui:	President Michael Victorino, County of Maui Councilmember
County of Hawai'i:	Vice President Daniel K. Paleka, Jr. (Alternate), County of Hawai'i Councilmember
County of Kaua'i:	Secretary Mel Rapozo, County of Kaua'i Council Chair
City and County of Honolulu:	Treasurer Ikaika Anderson, City and County of Honolulu Councilmember
Others Present:	Gladys C. Baisa, County of Maui Councilmember Honolulu staff Lisa-Ann Kimura, Staff Attorney, Office of Council Services; Honolulu staff Brandon Mitsuda, Council Liaison, Honolulu City Council Administrative Support Services; Honolulu staff Francisco Figueiredo, Legislative Aide, Office of Councilmember Ikaika Anderson; County of Maui staff Kit Zulueta, Communication Director, Office of Council Services; Kaua'i staff Aida Kawamura, Legislative Assistant, Office of Council Services Scott Ishikawa, Becker Communications, Inc.



II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Treasurer Anderson moved for approval of the Agenda as circulated, seconded by Vice President Paleka, and unanimously carried.

III. MINUTES

- A. Minutes of the June 22, 2016 HSAC Executive Committee meeting, as submitted by the HSAC Secretary.

Secretary Rapozo moved for approval of the Minutes of the June 22, 2016 HSAC Executive Committee Meeting, seconded by Vice President Paleka, and unanimously carried.

IV. REPORTS

A. Treasurer's Report

1. Treasurer's Report for the month of June 2016, as submitted by the HSAC Treasurer.

There being no objections, the 2016 Treasurer's Report for the month of June 2016 was deferred.

B. County Reports

1. City and County of Honolulu Report. Treasurer Anderson reported that at its meeting on July 6, 2016, the City Council passed on second reading Bill 38, relating to including the Kapalama Hale Parking Facility in Section 15-16.5 of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu. The City Council also passed on third reading Bill 27, relating to providing incentives that stimulate the creation of accessory dwelling units (ADU) in order to offer additional rental properties to those who have challenges becoming homeowners. Bill 27 is currently at the Mayor's office for approval.

Secretary Rapozo asked whether Bill 27 included restrictions for affordability to a certain median income group. Treasurer Anderson stated that there were no rent or price restrictions included in the bill. Bill 27 will allow property owners to build a



second unit complete with a kitchen on their property. The CPR (condominium property regime) approach to subdividing the property and selling either unit is not permissible. Treasurer Anderson noted that the City Council has discussed and done research on establishing rent controls, but have not considered any formal proposal.

2. County of Hawai'i Report. Vice President Paleka thanked everyone for attending the recent HSAC Conference hosted by the County of Hawai'i. In terms of legislation, a Charter amendment has been proposed to remove the Hawai'i County Band from the Charter. It was later clarified that the band members are seeking civil service status, so the proposal will be either amended or withdrawn. Treasurer Anderson noted that the Royal Hawaiian Band is a municipal band that is city-funded, and those band members are HGEA employees. It was also noted that both bands originate from the Hawaiian Kingdom and have been in existence for 133 years.
3. County of Kaua'i Report. Secretary Rapozo reported that the Kaua'i County Council is considering an additional rental unit (ARU) proposal that would allow property owners to build an additional unit on their property, while still complying with lot coverage restrictions. If the size of the lot were over 3,500 square feet, the owner would be allowed to construct a 400 square foot structure; if the lot size is over 5,000 square feet, the unit can be up to 800 square feet in size. On Kaua'i, property owners who rent units at or below the HUD rental housing guidelines receive a beneficial tax rate. Secretary Rapozo stated his disapproval of the ARU proposal without an affordability requirement, because it basically increases property value for someone who could choose to rent at market rates and not help the affordable housing situation. Ultimately, the Council recommitted the ARU bill to the Planning Committee for further discussion, as some members believe that any increase in the number of available units creates a more favorable rental housing market. Councilmembers also questioned whether ARUs should be allowed islandwide rather than limited to the Līhu'e district as proposed in the bill.



The Intermediate Court of Appeals (ICA) issued its ruling in the Police Commission v. Mayor case on Kaua'i, stating that the commission holds the authority for discipline and employment related matters of the chief of police. The intent of Charter Review Commission members of not politicizing the police department and that they were against the mayor having any authority over the police chief is clear in the Minutes of the Charter Review Commission. However, Mayor Carvalho has stated that he will appeal the ruling, which would necessitate additional special counsel funds to be approved by the Council. State Senator Will Espero has also voiced his belief that authority over the police chief should lie with the mayor.

President Victorino expressed an interest in the ARU legislation being discussed on Kaua'i, noting that Maui County has an acute shortage of housing inventory and that he agrees that an affordability requirement is important.

4. County of Maui Report. President Victorino reported that the county manager form of government proposal failed in committee by a 5:4 vote. The Council passed the Lāna'i Community Plan Comprehensive Update on July 1, and the Moloka'i Community Plan Update is next. A recent brushfire shut down transportation between West and Central Maui, stranding residents and visitors. President Victorino noted that developing a bypass highway would not solve these issues, because that route would pass through these areas that are susceptible to these incidents. A groundbreaking for the new West Maui acute care hospital with senior facilities is scheduled for August 15, 2016. The last leg of the new airport access road will be opening on July 23, 2016. The \$3 million upgrade of the airport has commenced, and the County is fighting to have the runway extended to provide for a safer landing strip.

There being no objections, the foregoing County Reports were received for the record.

C. National Association of Counties (NACo) Report



The Annual Conference is happening July 22-25, 2016 in Long Beach, California. President Victorino thanked each county for contributing to the omiyage package: sugar from Maui County, flower leis from Hawai'i County, macadamia nuts from Honolulu City & County, Kaua'i Kookies from Kaua'i County. Secretary Rapozo noted that TSA Pre-check enrollment services will be available at the NACo Annual Conference in Long Beach. President Victorino announced that HSAC will be hosting breakfast meetings with the candidates for NACo second vice president, and that schedule will be forwarded to members attending the conference.

There being no objections, the NACo Report was received for the record.

D. Western Interstate Region (WIR) Report

There was no WIR report.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Financial summary and agreement for services for the Hawai'i State Association of Counties, submitted by Becker Communications, Inc. ("Becker").

Scott Ishikawa, Becker Communications, Inc. stated that his professional experience includes 13 years as a newspaper reporter (which includes 8 years at *Honolulu Advertiser*), 5 years as the State Department of Transportation spokesperson, 6.5 years representing Honolulu City on the rail transit project, and he is currently employed with Becker. This resume has afforded the expansion of his skills and circle of contacts regarding media relations. Becker also works on building community relations and can assist HSAC with arranging speaking engagements with various organizations and groups. Mr. Ishikawa noted that he is not a lobbyist, and should HSAC decide it needs the services of a lobbyist, that would be a separate matter and decision for HSAC.

Mr. Ishikawa talked about options regarding the contract – hourly rate, hourly rate with a cap, and a project status from December 2016 to May 2017 with a monthly retainer and a cap on the number of hours. HSAC had chosen to contract with Becker late in the legislative session to get media coverage. During that period, Mr. Ishikawa observed what



type of media communication worked at a particular point and what would be better for the duration of the session, and that it is better to be proactive rather than reactive by having a basic plan and making necessary adjustments along the way. Sticking with the plan throughout the session will give HSAC a better chance of getting its message out to the public, as well as to the lawmakers, through the media.

Secretary Rapozo recollected the conversation to engage Becker focused on HSAC, HCOM, and the Council Chairs wanting assistance to get the message out regarding TAT via a press release and a press conference. There was no discussion about additional services, and President Victorino recommended hiring Becker on an hourly basis because the lump sum of \$3,000 was considered too high, and everyone agreed. For the upcoming legislative session, Becker's assistance will be critical in coordinating meetings for the various county councilmembers with various groups/organizations to elicit their help in lobbying for HSAC's top two priority issues – TAT and beach liability, as well as providing members with overall guidance in promoting the same message statewide. He recommended that HSAC start developing a legislative plan of action for now until December, when HSAC could decide to continue its retention of Becker.

President Victorino agreed with developing a legislative plan now, without making any commitment for 2017. It is important to set the legislative structure now, and not wait until September to make any decision. HCOM's makeup will consist of two new mayors in 2017, and their priorities are unknown until the mayors are elected. The Council Chairs may also change. Members agreed that HCOM and Council Chairs would be supplementary to HSAC decisions. Secretary Rapozo clarified that HSAC is spending its resources to hire Becker, who will be working in the best interest of HSAC, which basically includes the County Councils. Members agreed that each Council Chair must either be in support of HSAC, or be silent regarding actions taken by HSAC on legislative matters. It was also agreed that each Council Chair will be made aware of this caveat. Councilmember Baisa requested that Becker assist HSAC with formulating a plan and calendar of events (meetings with various groups/organizations). President Victorino added that his plan is to start now in the hopes of having a preliminary proposal for consideration at HSAC's meeting in August. The August meeting will be focused on legislative issues. If necessary, a second meeting in August



will be held to finalize the HSAC legislative package for consideration by each County Council.

Secretary Rapozo moved to approve, retroactively, the Financial Summary / Agreement For Services between Becker Communications, Inc. and the Hawai'i State Association of Counties effective April 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016, seconded by Vice President Paleka, and unanimously carried.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. State Legislature update and discussion on lobbying efforts.

President Victorino stated his goal that each Council adopts the HSAC Legislative Package by September. Secretary Rapozo noted that the two obvious priorities are TAT and beach liability. President Victorino explained that although the beach liability bill was introduced last session, Representative Rhoads and Senator Keith-Agaran advised that they did not entertain it because the provision does not sunset until 2017. Secretary Rapozo noted that Kaua'i County will introduce the beach liability proposal for next session. President Victorino noted that Maui County will introduce the TAT proposal for next session. Maui County will also introduce the Sunshine Law proposal, with a focus on public meetings. Other proposals mentioned included county tax/fee on cruise ships as a revenue-generating mechanism, collective bargaining negotiations, and EUTF (employer-union health benefits trust fund). The members agreed that the top four issues for HSAC at the next legislative session are: TAT, beach liability, the Sunshine Law, and Collective Bargaining. Mr. Ishikawa spoke of the importance of designating which members will be representing HSAC on certain issues when meeting with the editorial boards.

Treasurer Anderson moved to approve TAT, beach liability, and the Sunshine Law as HSAC's top three priorities for the 2017 legislative session, seconded by Vice President Paleka, and unanimously carried.

Secretary Rapozo noted that he is considering introducing the unadjudicated fines proposal, because it involves primarily county resources that are not being reimbursed. President Victorino felt that the cost for the courts to administer these cases as compared with the



amount derived from the fines is not sufficient to justify the county going after it.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Scheduling of the next meeting.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 22, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. on O'ahu, with a tentative second meeting scheduled for Friday, August 26, 2016, if needed.

B. Other announcements.

Secretary Rapozo moved for approval to purchase, at a cost of approximately \$20 each, 40 portfolios with an HSAC logo imprint on the front cover for distribution to all county councilmembers and mayors, seconded by Treasurer Anderson, and unanimously carried. President Victorino noted that this expense will be budgeted from the HSAC Promotion line item.

Members welcomed representatives from the Waikīkī Community Center who were touring the City Hall and stopped in to view government officials in action and to say hello.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mel Rapozo", written in a cursive style.

MEL RAPOZO, Secretary
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MINUTES
HSAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
August 22, 2016
Honolulu Hale, Committee Meeting Room
530 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

I. CALL TO ORDER

The HSAC Executive Committee was called to order by HSAC President and County of Maui Councilmember Michael Victorino at 10:03 a.m. The following members comprising a quorum were present:

County of Maui:	President Michael Victorino, County of Maui Councilmember
County of Hawai'i:	Vice President Dennis "Fresh" Onishi, County of Hawai'i Councilmember
County of Kaua'i:	Secretary Mel Rapozo, County of Kaua'i Council Chair
City and County of Honolulu:	Treasurer Ikaika Anderson, City and County of Honolulu Councilmember
Others Present:	Gladys C. Baisa, County of Maui Councilmember Valerie Poindexter, County of Hawai'i Councilmember Honolulu staff Lisa-Ann Kimura, Staff Attorney, Office of Council Services; Honolulu staff Brandon Mitsuda, Council Liaison, Honolulu City Council Administrative Support Services; Honolulu staff Francisco Figueiredo, Legislative Aide, Office of Councilmember Ikaika Anderson; Honolulu Intern Nelson Mukai, Office of Councilmember Ikaika Anderson; County of Maui staff Kit Zulueta, Communication Director, Office of Council Services;



Kaua'i staff Aida Kawamura, Legislative Assistant,
Office of Council Services;
Nelissa Asato, Special Assistant to Mayor Kirk
Caldwell, City & County of Honolulu;
Scott Ishikawa, Becker Communications, Inc.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Secretary Rapozo moved for approval of the Agenda as circulated, seconded by Vice President Onishi, and unanimously carried.

III. MINUTES

- A. Minutes of the July 8, 2016 HSAC Executive Committee meeting, as submitted by the HSAC Secretary.

Secretary Rapozo moved for approval of the Minutes of the July 8, 2016 HSAC Executive Committee Meeting, seconded by Vice President Onishi, and unanimously carried.

IV. REPORTS

A. Treasurer's Report

- 1. Treasurer's Report for the months of June and July 2016, as submitted by the HSAC Treasurer.

Vice President Onishi moved to approve the HSAC Treasurer's Reports for the Months of June and July 2016, seconded by Treasurer Anderson, and unanimously carried.

B. County Reports

- 1. City and County of Honolulu Report. Treasurer Anderson reported that the City Council passed on final reading Bill 36, related to private transportation services and drivers, which establishes regulations applicable to drivers of private transportation services, as well as creation of a central database of information pertaining to drivers of private transportation services, which includes both taxicab companies and transportation network companies. In introducing this measure, Councilmember Kobayashi's goal was to ensure the health, safety, and wellbeing of passengers, citizens,



and guests in Honolulu, and that drivers operate vehicles in a safe manner. Mayor Caldwell allowed Bill 36 to become law without his signature for various reasons.

On August 18, 2016, the City Council hosted past members of the City Council at a rededication of the Hall of Members gallery located on the second floor of Honolulu Hale. Pacific Gallery and Trophy House assisted with the retouching and restoration of many of the historic pictures of former councilmembers. Included among these notable members are Governor Neil Abercrombie and Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink.

Honolulu City Council continues its discussion with the Edogawa City Council Members, Japan, towards strengthening relationships between the two cities.

Regarding the cash-strapped rail project stalled at this point to reach Middle Street with available finances, Treasurer Anderson suggested that HART (Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation) meet with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to request an amendment to the full-funding grant agreement and minimum operable segment (MOS) from East Kapolei to Ala Moana Center to allow the MOS to terminate at Middle Street, with the understanding that the City would then be bound to enter into another agreement with the federal government to extend the rail to UH Mānoa via Ala Moana Center. This would allow the City to remain in compliance with the full-funding agreement. Treasurer Anderson surmised majority support from colleagues on the City Council for the rail going to Ala Moana Center and who do not support an indefinite terminus at Middle Street; indefinite meaning there are no plans to reach Ala Moana Center.

2. County of Hawai'i Report. Vice President Onishi reported that Hawai'i County Council adopted a resolution establishing a task force made up of twenty-plus members (State government, County government, public sector) to look into styrene products. The task force report is due to the Council prior to the first meeting in December 1, 2016.

Vice President Onishi summarized the 2016 HSAC Conference Report (see attachment hereto). He noted some of the problems



they experienced while planning the conference. Beginning in October 2015, they selected the University of Hawai'i at Hilo Conference Center to assist with the conference planning. Unfortunately, the Conference Center was unable to fulfill their commitments of securing speakers, organizing the website and conference registration, and requested to withdraw from their commitment in April 2016. Hawai'i County agreed and both parties came to a compromise on the amount due for the services the Conference Center provided. There were a total of 163 registered conference attendees and 60 golf participants. Vice President Onishi expressed his appreciation to Maui County for registering a number of Maui County staff members for the conference, primarily from the Planning Department. He added that he encouraged various Hawai'i County departments to participate as well. Vice President Onishi reported that a Farm Bureau Conference and a Legislative Leadership Conference were scheduled for the same dates on O'ahu, and were a contributing factor affecting participation at the HSAC Conference. The net profit from the conference is \$14,155.43 (total income was derived as follows: 30% registration, \$10% golf, and 60% sponsors and donations). Vice President Onishi thanked the conference co-sponsors: Big Island Candies, Hawaiian Airlines for the special conference roundtrip airfare, Kohanaiki for their sponsorship of the golf tournament, and Sheraton Kona Resort & Spa at Keauhou Bay, the Hawai'i County Council staff for their work in coordinating the conference and various events, and everyone for their participation and assistance in making the conference successful.

Vice President Onishi also noted that Roberta Chu, Vice President, Bank of Hawai'i Hilo Branch, informed him that at their statewide meeting, Bank of Hawai'i committed their support for HSAC and being an HSAC conference sponsor with a donation of \$5,000 annually.

President Victorino reviewed the conference financial report and recommended that future conference financial reports include information regarding the seed money provided by HSAC, which will accurately reflect moneys coming in and going out, regardless of the seed money being returned to HSAC prior to closing of the conference account.



3. County of Kaua'i Report. Secretary Rapozo reported that the Kaua'i County Council deferred the additional rental unit (ARU) measure in committee because it was limited to the Līhu'e District, and requested that the Planning Department submit a new proposal that would address ARUs islandwide.

Secretary Rapozo requested to be informed if any member has knowledge of any events that are scheduled in the month of June 2017 that would affect attendance at the 2017 HSAC Annual Conference on Kaua'i. This information would help facilitate securing of the conference dates. For the conference hotel, consideration is being given to properties that provide airport shuttle, thereby reducing the need for participants to rent a car. The Kaua'i Marriott Resort and Aqua Kaua'i Beach Resort both offer airport shuttles to/from their properties, but the costs at the Marriott are significantly higher. A conference golf tournament will be included. The topics presented at the conference should be relevant to each county, such as real property taxes, etc. He invited members to voice their interests in any topic that may be a statewide issue, for consideration as part of the conference. One idea is to have a legislative session where key state legislators would be present to speak on the State Legislature's relationship with the counties and how to accomplish goals and objectives.

Vice President Onishi stated that feedback from the HSAC conference in Kona was that it is important that conference topics relate to the fields of planning, land use, etc., to attract participation from landowners, developers, consultants, etc.

Secretary Rapozo added that he met with NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) representatives, who informed him that NOAA will be seeking protection of spinner dolphins and are looking at establishing restrictions for Maui and the Big Island. Kaua'i has no activities involving spinner dolphins, so there are no protective zones being recommended for Kaua'i. NOAA continues to have a grave effect on the economies of the islands as they become more and more successful at limiting activities in and surrounding the islands. Protective species is a big issue at WIR, and this issue will be considered for presentation at the HSAC conference.



4. County of Maui Report. President Victorino reported that the Budget & Finance Committee recommended the acquisition of 267 acres of north shore property from A&B located in the area of Pe'ahi, also known as "Jaws." Uses on this land still need to be decided, but will serve multiple purposes, such as, agriculture, culture, equestrian, possible dirt biking, etc. President Victorino noted that the County of Maui has purchased close to one thousand acres of property since 2006, and Councilmember Baisa has voiced concern over management of the property and liability.

The Water Resources Committee is working on addressing the pending water meter list for upcountry properties, and seeking methodologies to "whittle down" the numbers on the list. One option being considered is increasing the limit on the number of fixtures allowed before requiring an upgrade to the existing meter. This measure would be applicable to other areas of the island and allow some expansion that does not require a meter upgrade.

A proposed Charter amendment is seeking to require Council approval of managing directors for finance, public works, parks and recreation, housing and human concerns, transportation, environmental management, and the managing director; currently, the Council approves the water director, prosecuting attorney, and corporation counsel. This amendment would give the Council more interaction and transparency, and provide the public an opportunity to provide testimony. Another Charter Amendment proposes that county council staff attorneys have the authority to render formal legal opinions to councilmembers.

The access road to Kahului Airport just opened. This is a \$56 million project that is still ongoing. The State Commission on Water Resource Management unanimously rejected a fine for John and Rose Duey for installing a stream diversion in the Wailuku River for growing taro, and instead issued them a permit for the diversion.

Maui County is close to final approval of three hospitals (Maui, Kula, and Lānaʻi) to be under the management of Kaiser Permanente Health System. Recently, the UPW (United Public Workers) challenge was thrown out, and the ERS (Employees Retirement System) issue has been remedied. Smaller issues are close to being resolved, in the hopes that the changeover will be



completed in November 2016. West Maui Hospital had its groundbreaking on August 15, 2016. The West Maui Hospital facility will provide urgent care, ambulatory care, and also long term and senior services. On August 23, 2016, the Maui County Council will honor the life of the late Mayor Elmer Carvalho, who is considered the most influential politician in Maui County's history, and was the Speaker of the House who received the call from Washington, D.C., in 1959 with information that Hawai'i had become a state.

Treasurer Anderson moved to receive the foregoing County Reports for the record, seconded by Vice President Onishi, and unanimously carried.

C. National Association of Counties (NACo) Report

Vice President Onishi stated that the NACo report is being finalized and will be submitted at the next meeting.

There being no objections, the NACo Report was deferred.

D. Western Interstate Region (WIR) Report

There was no WIR report.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Communication from Kaua'i County Council Chair Mel Rapozo submitting four State bills for inclusion in the 2017 Hawai'i State Association of Counties Legislative Package, as approved by the Council on August 3, 2016. The bills have the following respective purposes:

1. To delete the sunset provision for the liability exceptions for county lifeguards.
2. To direct the traffic fines and forfeitures collected for uncontested traffic infractions to the county in which the citation was issued.
3. To exempt from civil service positions of non-elected chief executive officers or heads of the executive branch of county government.
4. To appropriate funds to the Department of Health for Fiscal Year 2018 for the purchase of an ambulance vehicle and the operational costs for one ambulance unit, including equipment, supplies, and personnel costs for State-certified emergency medical



services personnel, for a 24-hour ambulance unit for the County of Kauaʻi.

President Victorino clarified that September 9, 2016 is the deadline for all Councils to pass their legislative proposals for recommendation to HSAC. Today's meeting was scheduled to discuss all proposals. He recognized that not all Councils will be able to finalize their recommendations by September 9, and stated that proposals need to be submitted no later than by the end of September, which will provide sufficient time for the package to be finalized in October. President Victorino stated that he will not accept any proposals submitted from that point forward.

Secretary Rapozo stated the importance of item no. 1, which needs to be addressed by the Legislature during the upcoming legislative session because immunity for county lifeguards sunsets on June 30, 2017. Item no. 2 proposes a solution for generating revenue for the counties. Secretary Rapozo hoped the discussion on this proposal would result in some form of recuperation derived from unadjudicated traffic tickets. Item no. 3 is a proposal by Kauaʻi County Councilmember JoAnn A. Yukimura. Secretary Rapozo said that he supported this measure to allow HSAC to have a discussion on the merits of the proposal. This proposal relates to creating a county-manager form of government and would allow the county manager to be appointed by the council rather than be classified as a civil service employee. Item no. 4 was requested by the Kauaʻi Branch of American Medical Response (AMR). At the past legislative session, the Legislature rejected AMR's request for new ambulances for three counties, noting that funds were not available for the requested three new ambulances. AMR submitted another request for a rapid response service that gained traction, but ultimately did not pass. Statewide, the organization agreed to a unified approach of requesting one new ambulance per year that would be awarded on a rotational basis to one of the counties. AMR prioritized the islands based on need, and Kauaʻi was found to have the least number of ambulances at five. AMR agreed that Kauaʻi would be the first to receive an ambulance, which costs approximately \$1.2 million.

The same items were forwarded to Mayor Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr., for concurrence to include in Kauaʻi County's Legislative Package, and the mayor approved of items nos. 1, 2, and 4.



President Victorino stated that although there is no agenda item, he would like a discussion regarding collective bargaining. His research found that there is no law that prohibits the councils from participating in collective bargaining negotiations, and it has just been the “practice” that the Administration represents the counties during these bargaining negotiations. The Councils are responsible for the counties’ budgets and should understand the reasons behind the requests for various increases, rather than being blocked from acquiring a better understanding of the requests by the Administration claiming nondisclosure due to confidentiality.

Councilmember Gladys Baisa, County of Maui, informed of her conversation with Senator Roz Baker, who did not see any reason that prevented the councils from being informed about bargaining negotiations during an executive session meeting. Senator Baker felt that it was just a precedent that the councils should seek to change. Councilmember Baisa stated that more research is needed to determine what the Council can and cannot know. It is not fair that negotiations happen and the council is handed the bill, and now needs to figure out how to fund it. Councilmember Baisa noted that as soon as collective bargaining results in arbitration, negotiations stop. She stated the importance of delaying this occurrence to allow additional discussion towards an agreement. President Victorino added that arbitration was included in the collective bargaining process to prohibit the unions from striking.

President Victorino related collective bargaining to the Transient Accommodations Tax matter stating that a good chunk of the money being requested to be reinstated to the counties needs to be taken into consideration as part of the negotiations. This would behoove the various unions to support the counties’ efforts for an increased share of the TAT. President Victorino stated that the counties need strong partners in the unions. The general public is not educated on how TAT works, and they are only motivated at the mention of raising real property taxes.

President Victorino requested that each county inform him of when the respective counties will be able to consider proposals for the HSAC Legislative Package. He stated his preference of finalizing the HSAC Legislative Package in October, so that HSAC will be ready to move forward with its media plan.



Ambulance Service. Vice President Onishi stated that two years ago, Hawai'i County received an offer to donate an ambulance to West Hawai'i, which required the Department of Health (DOH) to approve the necessary staffing. This one location did not have EMS service, so DOH was required to provide the staffing. Vice President Onishi stated that a State Representative told him to raise real property taxes to fund this need. Secretary Rapozo stated that this request to the Legislature is to fund one ambulance service per year at a cost of \$1.2 million, which includes the ambulance and staff. Vice President Onishi reported that because of the distance involved in Hawai'i County, and depending on the number of calls, ambulances travel about 100,000 miles per year. The lifespan on the ambulance is 200,000 miles, after which it starts to break down and creates other problems. Further discussion revealed that ambulance/emergency services are structured differently in each county. President Victorino recommended that this item be deferred to the next meeting, with a request that AMR/EMS representatives be present to explain and provide information regarding their proposal.

Collective Bargaining. Vice President Onishi stated his understanding that each county has approved special counsel representation for the Hawai'i Fire Fighters Association (HFFA) case. Secretary Rapozo noted that the Administration recommended sending the HFFA matter to court, and the council approved the funding to hire special counsel. Members agreed that the counties cannot sustain HFFA's continued request for increases.

Secretary Rapozo moved to approve item no. 1 for inclusion in the 2017 HSAC Legislative Package, seconded by Vice President Onishi, and unanimously carried.

Unadjudicated Traffic Fines. Secretary Rapozo asked if there were any objections to this measure. President Victorino voiced his objection, noting that he would like to discuss it further. He stated that he gathered information during Maui Council's budget process that shows that it costs approximately \$17-\$18 million to administer Maui County's judicial system, while funds derived from unadjudicated traffic fines were approximately \$5.5-\$6 million. President Victorino stated that members need to research their respective county's judicial administration costs versus the fines collected to understand the disparity, because he is against pushing an issue like this that may result in the responsibility for the court system being given to the counties. Councilmember Baisa mentioned her discussion with Speaker Joe Souki in that he does not



believe the counties would benefit much from it. Councilmember Baisa added that it will cost the counties more than the amount received from unadjudicated fines, as well as there would be that temptation for the State to turn over operations of the court system to the counties. President Victorino noted that the court systems were administered by the counties in the past. Secretary Rapozo requested clarification regarding comments made regarding the State's expenses related to unadjudicated fines. Treasurer Anderson questioned the same comments and stated that it just involves opening the envelope and cashing the check. The county's police officers issue the citations and the county prosecutor charges the violation. Vice President Onishi noted that there have been past unsuccessful attempts requesting for a portion of the fines for the counties and the legislature never moved on it. Secretary Rapozo stated that HSAC acted to remove the measure from the legislative package because Speaker Souki was against it, but it may be time to revisit the issue and try again.

Secretary Rapozo stated that legislators are highly aware that it is difficult to raise the general excise tax in the counties during an election year. He used a scenario where the State approaches the counties recommending a \$2.50 or \$5 surcharge on all unadjudicated fines; he did not feel such a proposal would be opposed by the counties, the realtors, and the general public. The State would not be losing any revenue by creating an additional surcharge on unadjudicated fines, and he went further by saying that a county surcharge should be placed on all tickets written by the police. Secretary Rapozo asserted his belief that the counties should be given authority to establish a county surcharge on rental vehicles or hotel rooms. Vice President Onishi agreed with the idea and asked Secretary Rapozo if he is making such a proposal. Secretary Rapozo stated that the measure on the agenda was written broadly to allow discussion to a point where members agree on what methodology to use. There are many different variations where the counties can benefit and the State will not lose money. President Victorino expressed his willingness to support a county surcharge and discussing it with fellow Maui County Councilmembers. He agreed that if the measure is massaged to ensure that the State loses nothing and the counties receive a benefit, he could support it.

Vice President Onishi moved to defer action on items nos. 2, 3, and 4 to the next HSAC Executive Committee Meeting, seconded by Secretary Rapozo, and unanimously carried.



B. Proposal from Becker Communications relating to public relations and media strategy for the 2017 State Legislature Session.

Scott Ishikawa, Becker Communications, Inc., (BCI) reviewed the proposed Media Communications Strategy/Timeline (September 2016 – May 2017), which is attached hereto and incorporated herein. Mr. Ishikawa explained that staying with three to four priority issues is not only to keep the public focused, but it also keeps the media focused.

President Victorino stated his goal of HSAC coming out of the gate strong, and that HSAC not play a secondary role to the mayors.

Vice President Onishi stated that councilmembers may have other proposals they would like to submit. He was unaware as to whether Hawai'i County would have any proposals for the upcoming legislative session. He asked what experience BCI has with the legislative process. Mr. Ishikawa noted that certain clients do have measures that are before the Legislature, and BCI developed a communications strategy for their needs. Mr. Ishikawa explained that BCI is not licensed to act as a lobbyist for clients, and HSAC would need to secure lobbying services from another entity if that is the direction HSAC decides to take. Vice President Onishi added that it is also vital that the Governor support HSAC's position.

Secretary Rapozo believed that for the transient accommodations tax ("TAT") measure, removal of the cap on 7.25% is preferred because Senate President Ron Kouchi had mentioned his support for this action. Personally, if the Legislature can commit to not opposing the removal of the cap on 7.25%, that should be the strategy for TAT.

President Victorino had no opposition to involving Governor Ige. Mike McCartney has invited President Victorino to talk story on some of these issues, and that meeting will occur this afternoon.

Councilmember Baisa stated that it is very important that HSAC set up and lock in a good plan now, and make commitments now, so that the follow-through by incoming members goes smoothly. The carryover by people knowledgeable of the plan and the reasons therefor is crucial in being able to implement the plan, because several current HSAC representatives will not be in office come January.



Councilmember Valerie Poindexter stated her support for the proposed communications plan, which she believed will get the governor involved because the plan involves the public. Governor Ige is currently campaigning for the upcoming governor's race, and will need to listen to the people. This strategy is very valuable and can work.

President Victorino stated that the key is formulating HSAC's priorities that the four counties can agree with, and focus should be on the top three or four issues. He agreed that the communications plan is the roadmap for HSAC to be successful.

Vice President Onishi requested that HSAC schedule a meeting with Governor Ige during August or September, because the Governor may be in the process of formulating his budget. If HSAC can convince Governor Ige to support HSAC's position regarding the TAT, one-half of the battle is done. Secretary Rapozo stated that Governor Ige opposes any TAT increase for the counties.

Councilmember Baisa questioned whether HSAC had funds available to commit to engaging BCI. She also asked whether HSAC will be considering setting aside funds for a dedicated staff person to work alongside with BCI. President Victorino stated that the matter of an HSAC staff person should be discussed at the next meeting, and that BCI will be submitting a funding proposal for HSAC's consideration.

Vice President Onishi moved to defer action on this matter until the next Executive Committee meeting, seconded by Secretary Rapozo, and unanimously carried.

- C. Two proposed State bills from HSAC President Michael P. Victorino. The bills have the following respective purposes:
1. To allow members of a county council to jointly attend and speak at community meetings where informational presentations are made.
 2. To remove the cap and increase the counties' share of the transient accommodations tax revenue.

Secretary Rapozo noted that Maui County Council has not addressed these measures to forward their recommendation for HSAC's consideration. The measures appear on the agenda for informational purposes only.



VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Scheduling of the next meeting.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 26, 2016, from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. on O‘ahu.

B. Other announcements.

There were no other announcements.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

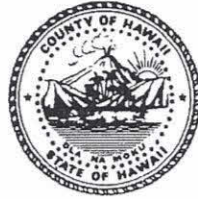
The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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MEL RAPOZO, Secretary
Hawai‘i State Association of Counties

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HAWAI'I COUNTY COUNCIL

County of Hawai'i
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August 18, 2016

Hawai'i State Association of Counties
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Maui, Hawai'i 96793

Re: 2016 Hawai'i State Association of Counties Annual Conference Report

Aloha HSAC Executive Committee Members:

On behalf of the 2016 HSAC Conference Committee, I would like to extend our sincere appreciation to all of the counties in making this conference a success.

The conference was held at the Sheraton Kona Resort and Spa at Keauhou Bay, on June 22-24, 2016, and the theme was *Wind, Waves, and Fire . . . Counties on the Forefront, Supporting resilient communities in Hawai'i*. The conference featured speakers from the National Weather Service, the Oceanography Department at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa, and the Hawai'i Volcano Observatory; and ended with our county panel of leaders from Civil Defense, Fire, Police, Planning and Public Works.

In addition to the golf tournament, we offered an optional field trip which included a helicopter tour; unfortunately, it was cancelled. The signup in the beginning was very slow and we were not certain if we could meet the minimum requirement before the deadline. It is possible that the cost may have been a factor as to the lack of interest.

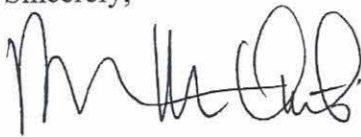
In our attempt to put forward the best conference, we hired conference coordinators from the University of Hawai'i at Hilo Conference Center. Unfortunately, they did not fulfill their responsibilities in a timely manner and they chose to terminate our contract mid-way through. While working with them, we experienced many disappointments - late confirmation of speakers, late online registration/website, lack of commitment and communication. These factors may have resulted in the low attendance.

In total, we had a 163 registered conference attendees and 60 golf participants. The number of conferees included complimentary sponsors and waived registration. A detailed registration report is attached. As a side note, after selected our conference dates, we discovered that there were several other conferences being held during the same time.

We received a total income of \$100,425.31, incurred expenses of \$86,269.88, for a net profit of \$14,155.43. Registration accounted for about 30 percent of the income, golf proceeds about 10 percent, and 60 percent came from sponsorships and donations. A financial report is attached.

Despite the challenges, I believe the conference was a success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dennis Onishi', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dennis "Fresh" Onishi

Attachment

2016 HSAC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

REVENUE:

REGISTRATION:

Early Government Registration @ \$250	57	\$14,250.00
Late Government Registration @ \$300	20	\$6,000.00
Early Non-Government Registration @ \$300	20	\$6,000.00
Late Non-Government Registration @ \$350	10	\$3,500.00
One Day Registration @ \$150	5	\$750.00
Guest Reception @ \$70	2	\$140.00
Guest Banquet @ \$110	4	\$440.00
Grand Total		<u>\$31,080.00</u>

LESS REFUNDS:

Refunds Issued for Registration	(\$1,275.00)
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ADD PAYPAL FEES REFUND:	\$55.68
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SPONSORSHIPS, ADS & DONATIONS:

Sponsorships, Ads, & Donations	\$49,925.00
Hawaii County Advance	\$10,000.00

Refund from Sheraton Kona Resort	\$5,010.93
Carryover from Golf Tournament	<u>\$5,628.70</u>

GRAND TOTAL REVENUE	\$100,425.31
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EXPENSES:

Hotel Food Services:	\$56,752.83
Hotel Audio Visual:	\$4,157.27
Hotel Fees:	\$622.31
Hotel Initial Deposit	(\$2,500.00)
Program Booklet Graphics Layout:	\$390.00
Conference Supplies - Banners:	\$265.62
Coordination Fee - UH:	\$10,000.00
Program Speaker Expenses:	\$183.94

Miscellaneous Expenses:	\$6,397.91
Hawaii County Reimbursement:	<u>\$10,000.00</u>

Grand Total Expenses:	<u>\$86,269.88</u>
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PROFIT/LOSS	\$14,155.43
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PROCEEDS TO HSAC

2016 HSAC GOLF TOURNAMENT

REVENUE:

Green Fees & Sponsorships:	<u>\$7,820.00</u>
Total	<u>\$7,820.00</u>

EXPENSES:

Golf Expenses	\$2,132.50
Golf Supplies	<u>\$58.80</u>
Total	<u>\$2,191.30</u>

Profit/Loss	\$5,628.70
Proceeds to HSAC	



**HAWAII STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (HSAC)
Media Communications Strategy/Timeline
(September 2016 – May 2017)**

OVERARCHING POSITIONING STATEMENT:

During each legislative session, the Hawaii State Association of Counties (HSAC) submits measures in hopes of improving the quality of life for residents across the state. All measures presented before this upcoming legislative session are meant to provide the following:

- Maximize the effectiveness and performance of the county governments;
- Enhance the fiscal health of our county-level governments, and in turn;
- Benefit the taxpayers by avoiding the need for future increased taxes and user fees to make up for unnecessary deficits.

GOALS:

1. Lobby the state Legislature to approve HSAC-related measures
2. Build groundswell of public support using a variety of communications tactics
3. Enable and encourage public advocacy among existing supporters
4. Attain our legislative goals as ONE entity; not allowing outside forces to divide and conquer us

TOP LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES:

Here are the top four priority issues as determined by HSAC:

1) TAT Distribution Between State and Counties

Over the past several years, HSAC has sought a more equitable distribution of the transient accommodations tax (TAT) between the state and counties. While this past session settled on a \$103 million hotel tax portion for the counties, HSAC is seeking a higher and fairer share for the four counties.

From the start of the next year's legislative session to its conclusion, HSAC needs to educate and update the media and general public on why it is important the four counties receive a larger share of the TAT funding to help subsidize costs as related to tourism.

HSAC needs to show how our local visitor industry rely on the counties to maintain ocean safety, beaches and parks, public safety, public transportation and the overall maintenance of our islands' natural beauty, the costs to those amenities, as well as combined costs for fire and police protection have increased dramatically.

Along with more widespread publicity on the issue, HSAC needs to get across two major points:

- Many of the general public have difficulty differentiating between the two levels of government (state and city) and the services that each provides.
- Refocus on the 2014 working study group on the TAT revenue distribution that recommends the Legislature provide a fairer 55-45 split between the state and counties. Legislature decided not revive the working group this past session to revisit the issue.

2) Sunset of Beach Liability Law

The purpose of this measure is to ensure the civil liability protection for (1) government agencies regarding their duty to warn of dangers on improved public lands; and (2) county lifeguards by repealing sunset provisions.

While the law has been in effect for more than a decade since the enactment of Act 170 (2002), HSAC would like to see this become permanent.

3) Changes to the Sunshine Law

4) Collective Bargaining

TIMING	ACTIVITY / DESCRIPTION
<p>September 2016</p> <p>(Determination of legislation for submittal during 2017 session)</p>	<p>Legislative Deadlines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sept. 9 – Counties send proposed legislation to HSAC for review • Sept. 25 – HSAC sends draft legislative package back to counties for review and approval (deadline for final approval of packages by counties on Nov. 25) <p>Press Kit:</p> <p>Begin developing press kit with following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fact sheet on organizational background, priorities • Key Message Points (background only) • White papers on key legislative measures • Recent HSAC press coverage • Recent HSAC press releases <p>Community Outreach:</p> <p>Determine organizations/business groups/unions to reach out to regarding speaking engagements and potential support for HSAC-related legislation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chambers of Commerce (COC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ COC of Hawaii ○ Hawaii Island COC ○ Maui COC ○ Kauai COC • Major business associations on each island • Hotel industry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hawaii Tourism Authority ○ Hawaii Lodging and Tourism Association

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ HGEA ○ UPW ○ HSTA ○ SHOPO ○ Hawaii Fire Fighters Association <p>Online Marketing and Communications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly E-Blast <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Draft editorial calendar for 2017 legislative session • Website <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Draft text for upcoming legislative session • Facebook <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Work with four counties on social media plan
<p>October 2016</p> <p>(Continual planning and scheduling)</p>	<p>Legislative Deadlines:</p> <p>Editorial Solicitation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin scheduling editorial board meetings for December • Confirm speaking engagements to begin in late November/ early December <p>Community Outreach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue scheduling of speaking engagements prior to session <p>Online Marketing and Communications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly E-Blast • Website • Facebook
<p>November 2016</p>	<p>Legislative Deadlines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nov. 25 – Deadline for final approval of HSAC legislative package by counties <p>Speaking engagements (late November-early January)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following final approval of legislative agenda, begin speaking engagements with respective Chamber of Commerce, business organizations and unions on each island <p>Editorial Solicitation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize schedule for editorial board meetings/ media briefings <p>Online Marketing and Communications:</p> <p>Draft article on HSAC package and how third-parties can show support during session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly E-Blast • Website • Facebook

<p>December 2016</p> <p>(Pre-Legislative Session Coverage)</p>	<p>Legislative Deadlines:</p> <p>Editorial Solicitation/Scheduled Coverage:</p> <p>Interviews with respective neighbor island newspapers before the session (Early January):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big Island (Hawaii Tribune-Herald, West Hawaii Today) • Maui (Maui News) • Kauai (The Garden Island) <p>Line up potential signees for letters to editor throughout session</p> <p>Press Release:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize HSAC legislative press release for internal approval <p>Online Marketing and Communications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly E-Blast <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Draft text on upcoming HSAC-related legislation for early January release • Website • Facebook
<p>January 2017</p> <p>(Beginning of Legislative Session)</p>	<p>Legislative Deadlines/Benchmarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 18: Opening Day • January 20: Non-Administration Bill Package Cutoff <p>Suggested strategy on county-related legislation NOT submitted by HSAC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review all bills to identify those that would potentially affect its members and their interests • Determine HSAC's position on all bills. Stances may include support, support with reservations, support the intent, and oppose. • Draft testimony in preparation for bills' first hearings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Approved testimony for HSAC's submission will serve as the basis for language in advocate call-to-action testimony ◦ Testimony will be revised to reflect changes as the bills move through the session • Consider potential external communications needs to support HSAC's legislative priorities or key bills, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Key message development ◦ Draft standby statements to issue proactively or in response to issues ◦ Op-Ed placement in select media outlets

Once bills are scheduled for hearing, the following should occur:

- Within 2 hours of receiving hearing notification:
 - Draft advocate testimony in alignment with HSAC's position for group approval
- Within 2 hours of group approval:
 - Approve testimony provided upload into online advocacy tool
 - Distribute email to advocacy database with details including:
 - Bill No. and Title
 - Name of Committee
 - Date and time of hearing
 - HSAC's position on the bill
 - Submission deadline
 - Draft testimony for advocate's use
- Within 24 hours after bill hearing:
 - Email advocates status of bill and next step in process (i.e. Bill No. 123 passes House Finance committee with amendments, Bill No. 234 did not pass out of Senate Ways and Means committee, Bill No. 456 passes House Agriculture committee, moves to floor for 3rd reading, etc.)

Editorial Solicitation:

Hold editorial board meeting/briefings with Oahu media publications covering legislative session (early January):

Suggested Media Organizations for Editorial Board Meetings:

- Honolulu Star-Advertiser (Lucy Young-Oda, Kevin Dayton, Sophie Cocke)
- Hawaii Public Radio (Wayne Yoshioka)
- Civil Beat (Nathan Eagle)
- Pacific Business News (Kam Napier)

Benefits of Meeting with the Editorial Board:

- They could assign a story to a reporter about topics discussed at the meeting.
- They will come away from this meeting with a better understanding of HSAC's priorities.
- It will improve the lines of communication between the two parties and provide an opportunity to gain a better understanding of the media's needs and deadlines.
- They are less likely to publish future stories about the topic without first reaching out to get our reaction.
- The editors might even be motivated to write an editorial about topics discussed.

	<p>Potential appearances on the following media outlets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KHON2 "Wake Up 2Day" • Hawaii Public Radio's "The Conversation" • Hawaii News Now's "Sunrise" show <p>Press conference/media availability at HSAC Open House</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Also make HSAC members available to media during first week of Legislative session (Jan. 16-20) <p>Op-ed on HSAC legislative package to respective island newspapers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribute op-ed during first week of legislative session, Jan. 16 -20 <p>Press Release:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Also release HSAC legislative agenda/objectives release during first week of 2017 legislative session <p>Letters To Editor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start drafting third-party letters to editors <p>Online Marketing and Communications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E-Blast to HSAC members/constituents/third-party supporters • Website <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Upload legislative package to website • Facebook <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Counties FB link to HSAC website
February 2017	<p>Legislative Deadlines/Benchmarks:</p> <p>Mid-February – First Lateral</p> <p>Editorial Solicitation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin assigning letters to editors to third-parties for submission <p>Online Marketing and Communications (Photos of HSAC members testifying):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly E-Blast • Website • Facebook
March 2017 (Mid-session)	<p>Legislative Deadlines/Benchmarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid-March – Budget Decking, Budget Crossover <p>Editorial Solicitation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make HSAC members available to media during committee hearings • Have third-party submit letters to editor during budget crossover <p>Online Marketing and Communications (Mid-Session Update):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly E-Blast • Website • Facebook

<p>April 2017 (Crossover periods)</p>	<p>Legislative Deadlines/Benchmarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early April – First crossover period • Mid-April – Second crossover period <p>Editorial Solicitation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make HSAC members available to media during committee hearings • Have third-party supporters submit letters to editor during crossover periods <p>Online Marketing and Communications (Legislative Update):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly E-Blast • Website • Facebook
<p>May 2017 (Final vote on legislative measures, wrap-up of legislative session)</p>	<p>Legislative Deadlines/Benchmarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 3 – Adjournment Sine Die <p>Editorial Solicitation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide op-ed to each island daily newspapers at end of 2017 legislative session on HSAC progress report <p>Online Marketing and Communications (Legislative update and thank you to our supporters):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly E-Blast • Website • Facebook

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Counties of Kaua'i, Maui, Hawai'i and City & County of Honolulu

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MINUTES
HSAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
September 26, 2016
Mission Memorial Meetings Room
550 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

I. CALL TO ORDER

The HSAC Executive Committee was called to order by HSAC President and County of Maui Councilmember Michael Victorino at 9:22 a.m. The following members comprising a quorum were present:

County of Maui:	President Michael Victorino, County of Maui Councilmember
County of Hawai'i:	Vice President Dennis "Fresh" Onishi, County of Hawai'i Councilmember
County of Kaua'i:	Secretary Mel Rapozo, County of Kaua'i Council Chair
City and County of Honolulu:	Treasurer Ikaika Anderson, City and County of Honolulu Councilmember
Others Present:	Gladys C. Baisa, County of Maui Councilmember Honolulu staff Lisa-Ann Kimura, Staff Attorney, Office of Council Services; Honolulu staff Brandon Mitsuda, Council Liaison, Honolulu City Council Administrative Support Services; Honolulu staff Francisco Figueiredo, Legislative Aide, Office of Councilmember Ikaika Anderson; Honolulu Intern Nelson Mukai, Office of Councilmember Ikaika Anderson; Mary Schmidtke, Senior Advisor, Office of Councilmember Brandon Elefante, City & County of Honolulu County of Maui staff Kit Zulueta, Communication Director, Office of Council Services;



Kaua'i staff Aida Kawamura, Legislative Assistant,
Office of Council Services;
Scott Ishikawa, Becker Communications, Inc.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice President Onishi moved for approval of the Agenda as circulated, seconded by Treasurer Anderson, and unanimously carried.

III. MINUTES

- A. Minutes of the August 22, 2016 HSAC Executive Committee meeting, as submitted by the HSAC Secretary.

Vice President Onishi moved for approval of the Minutes of the August 22, 2016 HSAC Executive Committee Meeting, seconded by Secretary Rapozo, and unanimously carried.

There being no objections, public testimony was received out of order relating to emergency medical services.

Primary speaker – Ian Santee, Deputy Director, Honolulu Emergency Services Department

Others present – Mark Rigg, Director, Honolulu Emergency Services Department

Clay Chan, Department of Health Emergency Medical Services Injury Prevention Branch

Speedy Bailey, Vice President, AMR Hawai'i

Tito Villanueva, AMR Hawai'i – Kaua'i

Mr. Santee provided a brief summary of the history of emergency medical services in Hawai'i.

Mr. Chan extended his apologies for the absence of Dr. Alvin C. Bronstein from the HSAC Meeting as he was traveling out of state and expressed the positive relationship between the State and provider agencies. President Victorino expressed his appreciation to the State and provider agencies for their services. President Victorino inquired as to how much reimbursement the State receives from AMR services. Mr. Chan stated that approximately \$42 million is reimbursed to the State through reimbursements from cases that are transferred to a medical facility.



Mr. Santee clarified that the provider agencies are attempting to put forth before the State Legislature a concerted effort to obtain funding approval, which includes one (1) ambulance for Hawai'i County and another for Kaua'i County in the fiscal year 2018 biennium budget, as requested by the provider agencies. The request for fiscal year 2019, the request is for an ambulance for the Kaka'ako area. All provider agencies have agreed to support each other's proposals.

Secretary Rapozo clarified that when the emergency medical services proposal before HSAC is discussed, the Committee should discuss amending the proposal to include the County of Hawai'i ambulance service so that the HSAC proposal is consistent with what the State and provider agencies are lobbying for.

Mr. Rigg explained to the Committee that the State EMS Department is working hard under Dr. Bronstein's leadership to put forth a unified effort with the partner agencies.

EMS representatives clarified upon an inquiry from Vice President Onishi that the County of Maui's needs have not been identified as critical for the two biennium budgets that have been requested, but that needs could change and requests could be further amended. It was also stated that should funding be available for only one (1) ambulance the State Legislature would be the deciding body. If the decision is left to the State EMS Department, the data would justify any further decisions as to the order of priority. The representatives also stated that in the past three (3) years, no funding was received for new ambulances.

Vice President Onishi stated that the Volcano area unit was provided by County funding.

President Victorino stated that Ma'alaea has a response vehicle unit that was put in place in 2013.

EMS representatives clarified that the State EMS Department and the partner agencies are doing their best to convince the State Legislature to put funding towards this effort and to show them the financial benefit that the EMS services provides in generating revenue to offset any perceived notion of the cost to provide these services.

Secretary Rapozo stated that he will work to prepare an amendment to identify two (2) ambulances for the County of Hawai'i and the County of Kaua'i. Secretary Rapozo further stated that if funding is only provided for one (1) ambulance, that he would prefer that the State EMS Department and partner agencies deal with prioritization of which county would receive the funding.



Vice President Onishi asked the EMS representatives to let HSAC know if the priorities for the State EMS group change so that HSAC can lobby appropriately.

IV. REPORTS

A. Treasurer's Report

1. Treasurer's Report for the month of August 2016, as submitted by the HSAC Treasurer.

Vice President Onishi moved to approve the HSAC Treasurer's Report for the Month of August 2016, seconded by Secretary Rapozo, and unanimously carried.

B. County Reports

1. City and County of Honolulu Report. Treasurer Anderson reported that the Legislative Branch is preparing for Honolulu City Lights and the Honolulu City Legislative Christmas Tree display at Honolulu Hale. He further reported that discussions related to the Rail Project are underway to find a way forward to get the transit system past Ala Moana Shopping Center and as far as the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa which includes a proposal to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to consider allowing the City and County of Honolulu to amend the full-funding grant agreement to Middle Street instead of Ala Moana Shopping Center and then partner with the Federal government on the extension that runs to UH-Mānoa via Ala Moana Shopping Center. Treasurer Anderson stated that the Council is also entertaining a proposal he introduced related to a permitted interaction group to investigate funding options for the Rail Project with State, City, and Federal officials and another proposal which establishes a Council position regarding extension of the County's surcharge on the State General Excise Tax and a permitted interaction group to present, discuss, and negotiate the position with State officials. Treasurer Anderson explained that his reasoning for these two (2) proposals is to send a message to the State and others that there are at least four (4) members of the City Council and a more unified message regarding the funding and various other options related to the Rail Project.



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Treasurer Anderson confirmed that he had heard similar proposals discussed by legislators, however, the surcharge would be available to the counties in perpetuity or until otherwise amended.

President Victorino asked members to please give advanced notice should any individual member be inclined to meet with the Governor or legislators on HSAC business in the future.

There being no objections, items number 2 (TAT) was deferred until the conclusion of a meeting with Governor David Y. Ige in the afternoon.

ID Cards for Persons with Disabilities.

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Affordable Housing Conveyance Tax.

President Victorino noted that testimony was provided by Councilmember Elle Cochran on item 4.

Secretary Rapozo expressed his interest to see this proposal move forward so that the County of Kaua'i can have further discussion with the County's Department of Finance regarding this proposal.



Vice President Onishi clarified the potential difficulty in getting this passed when increases in other revenue options such as increasing the GET were not well received. Vice President Onishi also pointed to the variations in market sales and development in each county as a cause for concern.

President Victorino stated that the threshold was set at \$1 million so that it would not adversely impact the residential market.

Vice President Onishi stated that the percentage increase could potentially be higher, if the target market is those with expensive second homes. President Victorino stated that organizations in the County of Maui were opposed to any increase, and a higher percentage would definitely pose a problem for those organizations on Maui and would ultimately lead to Maui Councilmembers voting against that increased conveyance tax percentage.

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There being no objections, the meeting recessed at 12:02 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 12:07 p.m. and proceeded with agenda item V.A.4 (EMS), as follows:

Secretary Rapozo moved to approve item V.A.4 (EMS), as amended to reflect a request for two ambulances, one for Kaua'i County and one for Hawai'i County, seconded by Vice President Onishi, and unanimously carried.

President Victorino noted that Maui County will be transmitting four (4) additional measures for consideration for inclusion in the HSAC Legislative Package. The measures include distribution of documents as referenced in the Sunshine Law, IAL funding for mapping, comprehensive boundary amendment following the general plan update, and representation in bargaining unit negotiations with respect to Bargaining Units 11 and 12.

There being no objections, the meeting was recessed at 12:33 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 3:14 p.m., and proceeded with agenda item VI.C, as follows:



C. 2017 State Legislature update and discussion on lobbying efforts.

President Victorino stated his appreciation to Governor Ige for meeting with HSAC. President Victorino further stated that it does not seem likely that the Governor would likely release any additional TAT revenue to the counties.

Relating to the tort liability proposal, Treasurer Anderson felt that the Governor did not fully understand the issue and would need to obtain more information before making any type of commitment. Vice President Onishi concurred and felt that more education is needed from HSAC on all measures that HSAC is proposing. President Victorino expressed the importance of the tort liability issue as perhaps the most important issue facing the counties with respect to the financial liability ramifications. Vice President Onishi stated that the question that needs to be answered is why does the State Legislature not make the tort liability provision a permanent provision.

Secretary Rapozo stated that HSAC needs to continue its work on the media campaign proposed by Becker Communications, Inc. Vice President Onishi pointed out the importance of having someone with a financial or economics background to provide an explanation regarding the increase in TAT revenue, but a decrease in GET revenues. President Victorino stated that he will check on the availability of Paul Brewbaker or a representative from the State Council on Revenues, to provide a briefing to the HSAC Executive Committee. Mr. Ishikawa noted that he is able to contact Mr. Brewbaker if that is the wish of the Committee.

President Victorino stated that his feeling is that Governor Ige concurred with the EMS proposal.

President Victorino and Councilmember Baisa felt that Governor Ige was not aware of the Sunshine Law issues and that he learned a lot from HSAC members.

The meeting proceeded with agenda item VI.B.2 (TAT) as follows:

Secretary Rapozo stated that a decision needs to be made regarding whether HSAC is moving forward with that TAT proposal or pursuing other options. Mr. Ishikawa inquired as to the earliest possible date HSAC could begin lobbying the State Legislature on HSAC proposals. President Victorino clarified that the earliest HSAC could start lobbying would be in November after the General Election and once the Legislature's leadership has been determined. President Victorino and Councilmember Baisa expressed their interest in starting lobbying efforts as early as possible in November.



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VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Scheduling of the next meeting.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 24, 2016, 10 a.m. on O'ahu.

B. Other announcements.

There were no other announcements.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Treasurer Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:01 p.m., seconded by Vice President Onishi, and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mel Rapozo", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The HSAC Executive Committee was called to order by HSAC President and County of Maui Councilmember Michael Victorino at 9:22 a.m. The following members comprising a quorum were present:

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Others Present:	Gladys C. Baisa, County of Maui Councilmember Honolulu staff Lisa-Ann Kimura, Staff Attorney, Office of Council Services; Honolulu staff Brandon Mitsuda, Council Liaison, Honolulu City Council Administrative Support Services; Honolulu staff Francisco Figueiredo, Legislative Aide, Office of Councilmember Ikaika Anderson; Honolulu Intern Nelson Mukai, Office of Councilmember Ikaika Anderson; Mary Schmidtke, Senior Advisor, Office of Councilmember Brandon Elefante, City & County of Honolulu County of Maui staff Kit Zulueta, Communication Director, Office of Council Services;



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Vice President Onishi moved for approval of the Agenda as circulated, seconded by Treasurer Anderson, and unanimously carried.

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There being no objections, public testimony was received out of order relating to emergency medical services.

Primary speaker – Ian Santee, Deputy Director, Honolulu Emergency Services Department

Others present – Mark Rigg, Director, Honolulu Emergency Services Department

Clay Chan, Department of Health Emergency Medical Services Injury Prevention Branch

Speedy Bailey, Vice President, AMR Hawai'i

Tito Villanueva, AMR Hawai'i – Kaua'i

Mr. Santee provided a brief summary of the history of emergency medical services in Hawai'i.

Mr. Chan extended his apologies for the absence of Dr. Alvin C. Bronstein from the HSAC Meeting as he was traveling out of state and expressed the positive relationship between the State and provider agencies. President Victorino expressed his appreciation to the State and provider agencies for their services. President Victorino inquired as to how much reimbursement the State receives from AMR services. Mr. Chan stated that approximately \$42 million is reimbursed to the State through reimbursements from cases that are transferred to a medical facility.



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Secretary Rapozo moved for approval of item number 1 for inclusion in the 2017 HSAC Legislative Package, seconded by Vice President Onishi, and unanimously carried.



Transient Accommodations Tax (TAT). Treasurer Anderson asked for clarification on the exact proposal that is being requested. President Victorino clarified that the proposal would be to implement the recommendations, including percentages, of the TAT Working Group. Secretary Rapozo confirmed the same. Treasurer Anderson requested that HSAC during its meeting with the Governor later in the afternoon, float the idea of the Governor including a higher appropriation to the counties via the TAT in his executive budget.

Vice President Onishi stated that both he and Treasurer Anderson met with Governor Ige last Friday and talked with him about the TAT. Vice President Onishi stated that he mentioned that the counties would appreciate an additional \$25-30 million in TAT revenue, but provided no commitment on behalf of HSAC. Governor Ige told Vice President Onishi and Treasurer Anderson that he would meet with his Director of Finance and would have figures available to share with HSAC on what could possibly be filtered to the counties. Vice President Onishi expressed his interest in working with the Governor to find a compromise instead of requesting a high figure that would not be palatable. President Victorino expressed his disappointment that representatives of HSAC provided figures to the Governor without the consent of the remaining HSAC Executive Committee members, as it was previously agreed that no figures would be provided without prior consent of the HSAC Executive Committee as a whole. Treasurer Anderson clarified that no specific figures were committed to by either party involved in Vice President Onishi and Treasurer Anderson's meeting with Governor Ige. Vice President Onishi stated that the intention of the meeting was just to get a "feel" as to whether it was worth the investment of time, and whether the Governor could assist the counties as opposed to going through the more difficult route working with so many individual legislators. Vice President Onishi further stated that he decided to meet with the Governor as his previous attempts to get a meeting scheduled through HSAC were unsuccessful.

Secretary Rapozo stated that he would like to focus the discussion on the Working Group's recommendation and nothing else, as every proposal considered is based on the data provided by the Working Group.

Vice President Onishi stated that HSAC needs to be realistic as to what the Governor or the State Legislature will provide in TAT revenue increases to the counties. Vice President Onishi also noted that HSAC needs to remember that the Legislature did provide for the counties to enact a GET surcharge, yet no neighbor island county took that opportunity.



Secretary Rapozo reminded the members that the counties and mayors failed to cohesively put forth a proposal and unified message during the last session, but is hopeful of the effort of an active campaign with the assistance of Becker Communications to enlist other organizations to assist HSAC in lobbying for increased TAT revenues for the counties. Secretary Rapozo noted that in his discussion with Senate President Kouchi, it appears as if the Legislature is positioned to most likely provide the option of a GET surcharge, removing the ten percent (10%) administrative fee that the State withholds, instead of any increase to the allocation of TATs to the counties. Secretary Rapozo also noted that approximately one-third (1/3) of the revenue generated may be earmarked for State highway projects.

Treasurer Anderson confirmed that he had heard similar proposals discussed by legislators, however, the surcharge would be available to the counties in perpetuity or until otherwise amended.

President Victorino asked members to please give advanced notice should any individual member be inclined to meet with the Governor or legislators on HSAC business in the future.

There being no objections, items number 2 (TAT) was deferred until the conclusion of a meeting with Governor David Y. Ige in the afternoon.

ID Cards for Persons with Disabilities.

Secretary Rapozo moved for approval of item number 3 for inclusion in the 2017 HSAC Legislative Package, seconded by Vice President Onishi, and unanimously carried.

Affordable Housing Conveyance Tax.

President Victorino noted that testimony was provided by Councilmember Elle Cochran on item 4.

Secretary Rapozo expressed his interest to see this proposal move forward so that the County of Kaua'i can have further discussion with the County's Department of Finance regarding this proposal.



Vice President Onishi clarified the potential difficulty in getting this passed when increases in other revenue options such as increasing the GET were not well received. Vice President Onishi also pointed to the variations in market sales and development in each county as a cause for concern.

President Victorino stated that the threshold was set at \$1 million so that it would not adversely impact the residential market.

Vice President Onishi stated that the percentage increase could potentially be higher, if the target market is those with expensive second homes. President Victorino stated that organizations in the County of Maui were opposed to any increase, and a higher percentage would definitely pose a problem for those organizations on Maui and would ultimately lead to Maui Councilmembers voting against that increased conveyance tax percentage.

Secretary Rapozo moved for approval of item number 4 for inclusion in the 2017 HSAC Legislative Package, seconded by Vice President Onishi, and unanimously carried.

There being no objections, the meeting recessed at 12:02 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 12:07 p.m. and proceeded with agenda item V.A.4 (EMS), as follows:

Secretary Rapozo moved to approve item V.A.4 (EMS), as amended to reflect a request for two ambulances, one for Kaua'i County and one for Hawai'i County, seconded by Vice President Onishi, and unanimously carried.

President Victorino noted that Maui County will be transmitting four (4) additional measures for consideration for inclusion in the HSAC Legislative Package. The measures include distribution of documents as referenced in the Sunshine Law, IAL funding for mapping, comprehensive boundary amendment following the general plan update, and representation in bargaining unit negotiations with respect to Bargaining Units 11 and 12.

There being no objections, the meeting was recessed at 12:33 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 3:14 p.m., and proceeded with agenda item VI.C, as follows:



C. 2017 State Legislature update and discussion on lobbying efforts.

President Victorino stated his appreciation to Governor Ige for meeting with HSAC. President Victorino further stated that it does not seem likely that the Governor would likely release any additional TAT revenue to the counties.

Relating to the tort liability proposal, Treasurer Anderson felt that the Governor did not fully understand the issue and would need to obtain more information before making any type of commitment. Vice President Onishi concurred and felt that more education is needed from HSAC on all measures that HSAC is proposing. President Victorino expressed the importance of the tort liability issue as perhaps the most important issue facing the counties with respect to the financial liability ramifications. Vice President Onishi stated that the question that needs to be answered is why does the State Legislature not make the tort liability provision a permanent provision.

Secretary Rapozo stated that HSAC needs to continue its work on the media campaign proposed by Becker Communications, Inc. Vice President Onishi pointed out the importance of having someone with a financial or economics background to provide an explanation regarding the increase in TAT revenue, but a decrease in GET revenues. President Victorino stated that he will check on the availability of Paul Brewbaker or a representative from the State Council on Revenues, to provide a briefing to the HSAC Executive Committee. Mr. Ishikawa noted that he is able to contact Mr. Brewbaker if that is the wish of the Committee.

President Victorino stated that his feeling is that Governor Ige concurred with the EMS proposal.

President Victorino and Councilmember Baisa felt that Governor Ige was not aware of the Sunshine Law issues and that he learned a lot from HSAC members.

The meeting proceeded with agenda item VI.B.2 (TAT) as follows:

Secretary Rapozo stated that a decision needs to be made regarding whether HSAC is moving forward with that TAT proposal or pursuing other options. Mr. Ishikawa inquired as to the earliest possible date HSAC could begin lobbying the State Legislature on HSAC proposals. President Victorino clarified that the earliest HSAC could start lobbying would be in November after the General Election and once the Legislature's leadership has been determined. President Victorino and Councilmember Baisa expressed their interest in starting lobbying efforts as early as possible in November.



Secretary Rapozo moved to approve item number VI.B.2 (TAT) for inclusion in the 2017 HSAC Legislative Package, seconded by Treasurer Anderson, and unanimously carried.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Scheduling of the next meeting.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 24, 2016, 10 a.m. on O'ahu.

B. Other announcements.

There were no other announcements.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Treasurer Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:01 p.m., seconded by Vice President Onishi, and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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MEL RAPOZO, Secretary
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MINUTES
HSAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
October 24, 2016
Mission Memorial Hearings Room
550 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

I. CALL TO ORDER

The HSAC Executive Committee was called to order by HSAC President and County of Maui Councilmember Michael Victorino at 10:16 a.m. The following members comprising a quorum were present:

County of Maui:	President Michael Victorino, County of Maui Councilmember
County of Hawai'i:	Vice President Dennis "Fresh" Onishi, County of Hawai'i Councilmember
County of Kaua'i:	Secretary Mel Rapozo, County of Kaua'i Council Chair
City and County of Honolulu:	Treasurer Ikaika Anderson, City and County of Honolulu Councilmember
Others Present:	Gladys C. Baisa, County of Maui Councilmember Honolulu staff Brandon Mitsuda, Council Liaison, Honolulu City Council Administrative Support Services; Honolulu staff Francisco Figueiredo, Legislative Aide, Office of Councilmember Ikaika Anderson; Honolulu Intern Nelson Mukai, Office of Councilmember Ikaika Anderson; Honolulu staff Kamakana Watanabe, Office of Council Services County of Maui staff Kit Zulueta, Communication Director, Office of Council Services; Kaua'i staff Jade K. Fountain-Tanigawa, County Clerk, Office of Council Services;



II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Treasurer Anderson moved for approval of the Agenda as circulated, seconded by Secretary Rapozo, and unanimously carried.

III. MINUTES

- A. Minutes of the September 26, 2016 HSAC Executive Committee meeting, as submitted by the HSAC Secretary.

Secretary Rapozo moved for approval of the Minutes of the September 26, 2016 HSAC Executive Committee Meeting, seconded by Vice President Onishi, and unanimously carried.

IV. REPORTS

A. Treasurer's Report

1. Treasurer's Report for the month of September 2016, as submitted by the HSAC Treasurer.

Secretary Rapozo moved to approve the HSAC Treasurer's Report for the Month of September 2016, seconded by Vice President Onishi, and unanimously carried.

B. County Reports

1. City and County of Honolulu Report. Treasurer Anderson reported that the Honolulu City Council at its meeting on October 5, 2016 the Council passed the following:
- Bill No. 37 relating to the Executive Branch of the City and County of Honolulu. This Bill would update Chapter 2 of the Revised Ordinances reflecting changes in the names and functions of the Executive Branch.
 - Bill No. 46 relating to attendant parking facilities.
 - Bill No. 44 relating to flood hazard areas.
 - Bill No. 45 amending the O'ahu Water Management Plan.
 - Resolution No. 16-172, approving a conceptual plan for an interim plan development transit project for the Manaolana Place hotel and residential condominium development project on Kapi'olani Boulevard near the Hawai'i Convention Center. This project will significantly add to the "flavor" of the area and will enhance the overall desirability of the area.



The City and County of Honolulu's Legislative Branch is preparing to host the Early Learning Center preschoolers at its Halloween event. Treasurer Anderson recently returned from the Revolution Conference in San Francisco. Revolution has been the place to engage in thoughtful discussion with key policymakers and influencers with regards to rail mass transit. Treasurer Anderson thanked the HSAC Executive Committee for their comments and further consideration of Councilmember Trevor Ozawa's HSAC Legislative Package proposal relating to residential and commercial noise standards.

Councilmember Baisa inquired as to the Honolulu City Council's Residential "A" property tax classification and the legality thereof. Treasurer Anderson stated that he voted against the proposal as he was of the opinion that the proposal was not the best way to differentiate between who the City should charge more to in the form of real property taxes. Treasurer Anderson stated that former Mayor Mufi Hannemann previously split the residential property tax class into two (2) categories, homeowner and non-homeowner. The City Council later eliminated the non-homeowner classification a year later, which Treasurer Anderson stated he voted against. The City Council then put all residential properties back into one tax class. Mayor Caldwell then asked the Council to separate the tax class into two (2) separate tax classes, but into a Residential and Residential "A" split. Mayor Hannemann's approach was simple in that it stated that if you did not have a homeowner's exemption, you were automatically in the non-homeowner's category. Mayor Caldwell's approach differed in that he attached a minimum valuation (\$1,000,000) onto the property in question. Treasurer Anderson further explained that the Court has now ruled that the tax classification is unconstitutional and that will have to be defended in Court by Corporation Counsel who believes that the proposal is constitutional.

Treasurer Anderson further stated that his office is looking at establishing a separate tax category for luxury condominiums, as he feels that those owners are able to pay more in real property taxes.



Vice President Onishi explained that the County of Hawai'i has not defined what a Transient Vacation Rental (TVR) is. He further explained that he has been working to define TVRs and has taken portions of Kaua'i's and Maui's definitions of TVRs, against the wishes of the County of Hawai'i's Planning Department.

Treasurer Anderson stated that the City and County of Honolulu's definition is that if one does not have a non-conforming use certificate (NUC) for a short-term rental or stay of less than thirty (30) days, then the unit is illegal. Treasurer Anderson further explained that NUCs have not been issued since 1989 or 1990. Treasurer Anderson stated that in 2009, he introduced a measure that would have allowed the City to permit additional owner-occupied bed and breakfast (B&B) units, however that measure failed.

Vice President Onishi stated that in his district, parking has become a major concern as it relates to unpermitted TVRs and he has wanted to address the parking issue. He further noted that enforcement of these types of regulations have become a concern for the Planning Department in the County of Hawai'i.

President Victorino stated that the County of Maui has a definition of TVRs for short-term rentals which includes provisions for on-site parking, the number of occupants, and the number of parking per accommodation, etc. He further explained that these accommodations have to be permitted and licensed, and that the island of Maui has a limit of four hundred (400) TVRs and B&Bs. President Victorino further explained that parking issues need to be confined to the site of the TVR or B&B and that enforcement needs to be done by the police. He further noted that enforcement and the additional burden placed on the Planning and Police Departments are always areas of concern when dealing with getting a handle on illegal TVRs or B&Bs. President Victorino and Treasurer Anderson explained their experience with dealing with the problem of getting illegal operations into compliance while not punishing the legal operations that have been operating legally for many years.

Councilmember Baisa explained that she recently read that in New York, fines for illegally operating B&Bs have been instituted in hefty amounts, though in Maui County, the maximum is \$1,000 per day.



Secretary Rapozo explained that in Kaua'i County, the maximum fine is \$20,000 per day and that the County has gone through numerous contested case hearings to deal with the aforementioned issues relating to TVRs and B&Bs. He further explained that many of the investigations are done due to complaints received by the Council or Planning Department, including those regarding parking, and these are then investigated by the Planning Department.

President Victorino stated that all counties seem to be experiencing the same types of issues relating to TVRs and B&Bs and that the problem has come to the forefront due to the need for more affordable housing and rentals in all counties.

Vice President Onishi inquired as to the status of the plastic bag ban. Treasurer Anderson clarified that the matter (See Attached) has been referred to the Council's Public Works & Sustainability Committee chaired by Councilmember Carol Fukunaga. The matter has not been scheduled for a hearing in Committee. Secretary Rapozo stated that the County of Kaua'i has a total ban. Councilmember Baisa stated that the County of Maui has a ban, but thicker plastic bags are allowed. Treasurer Anderson stated that Councilmember Elefante's current plastic ban proposal is to legislate a thicker plastic bag requirement which essentially would make it so cost prohibitive that users would choose utilize other options.

2. County of Hawai'i Report. Vice President Onishi stated that the Hawai'i County Council is discussing the following pieces of legislation:
 - Legislation to propose to the State Legislature regarding high stakes bingo. The legislation did not pass. The legislation was introduced due to the Transient Accommodations Tax (TAT) concerns as another option to bring in revenue for the County.
 - A measure that would ban the use of herbicides by the County of Hawai'i. That measure was referred to the Environmental Committee of the Council for a public hearing. The ban would include all herbicides or pesticides that have a caution warning, including Roundup, and its environmentally friendly alternative Avenger. Concerns were raised regarding what options would exist if this ban were to go into effect and whether the County would be able to properly maintain its flood channels and other areas where herbicides are used to maintain vegetation overgrowth.



- A measure banning the use of sunscreen containing the ingredient that is leading to coral bleaching. Vice President Onishi stated he wants to know what percentage of coral bleaching is due to sunscreen use as opposed to other factors such as global warming, boating, snorkelers, etc.
- A measure relating to the ban of styrofoam containers by the County of Hawai'i, including Meals on Wheels, renters of County facilities, etc. (not individual restaurants or vendors).

Vice President Onishi stated that the Council also discussed overtime abuse with the Administration.

Secretary Rapozo inquired as to further clarification on high stakes bingo. Vice President Onishi clarified that the proposal was a Resolution asking the State Legislature to allow a pilot program in the County of Hawai'i to see how this option might work. Councilmember Baisa stated that House Speaker Joseph Souki had also introduced a similar proposal intended for use by the non-profit sector.

Vice President Onishi further explained that he has many concerns with the styrofoam ban and the numerous loopholes in the current proposal. He further noted that the ultimate issue regarding this ban is to curb the littering and potential impacts this could have on the environment; however, the current proposal does not address any heftier fines for litterers over the users of Styrofoam.

3. County of Kaua'i Report. Secretary Rapozo reported that environmental extremists are causing a lot of issues on the island, and in particular in regards to waterways and the accusations of waterways being diverted. Secretary Rapozo stated that these extremists destroyed permitted waterways which fed hydroelectric operations for the local utility company. This is a Federal offense and is an issue that all counties should be aware of. Secretary Rapozo expressed his concern with these extremists feeling like they are not getting their way, and causing harm to public and private property. Secretary Rapozo encouraged all counties to have discussions regarding the safety and security of elected officials and staff during Council or Committee Meetings, as the threat has already been identified, and there is no warning as to when a security event may occur.



Vice President Onishi inquired about the appeal for Bill No. 2491 relating to genetically modified organisms (GMOs). Secretary Rapozo stated that there has been no recent update.

Secretary Rapozo stated that the Mayor has decided to appeal to the Hawai'i Supreme Court, the decision of the courts as it relates to the powers and duties of the Mayor in disciplining the Kaua'i Chief of Police.

4. County of Maui Report. President Victorino reported that the Council appropriated \$5,000,000 worth of emergency funds for services related to the Wailuku River operations after the recent flooding. The emergency fund was up to approximately \$39,000,000 for these types of events. President Victorino stated that there was public outcry during this clean-up as to the County's and Wailuku Water Company's removal of rock from the river bed. Protestors occupied portions of the river and prevented work from occurring. President Victorino stated that the emergency work needed to be done to restore the river flow and prevent homes and businesses from being severely impacted.

President Victorino reported that the last day of operations of the Moloka'i Ferry will be on Thursday, October 27, 2016, which has been in operations for over thirty (30) years. The Ferry has decided to cease operations due to loss in revenue as ridership has declined due to airline competition and lower airfare prices.

President Victorino further reported the following:

- He heard concerns from tourists regarding an apparent decline in whale sightings.
- Discussions continue regarding Maui Hospital and their request for \$5,650,000 to improve services and thereafter transfer operations to Kaiser.
- Mayor Arakawa suspended all work on community plans citing dissatisfaction in the community about the process. Council Chair Mike White responded with an editorial in the local newspaper stating that the Mayor cannot issue a stop work order.
- Maui County has proposed five (5) major charter amendments, which include:
 - Requiring Council confirmation of the following Mayoral appointments: Managing Director, Prosecuting Attorney, Corporation Counsel, Director of Public Works, and Director of Environmental Management.
 - Allowing the Office of Council Services' attorneys to be able to provide advice and representation for the Council.



- Two (2) amendments to improve efficiency in the process of accepting supplemental petitions for initiatives relating to deadlines and the ability to withdraw names.
- Rename the Civil Defense Agency the Maui County Emergency Management Agency.

Treasurer Anderson moved to receive the foregoing County Reports for the record, seconded by Vice President Onishi, and unanimously carried.

There being no objections, the meeting recessed at 11:06 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 11:20 a.m. and proceeded as follows:

C. National Association of Counties (NACo) Report

Vice President Onishi stated that he and Treasurer Anderson are working with Councilmember Kualii to finalize a NACo Report.

There being no objections, the NACo Report was deferred.

D. Western Interstate Region (WIR) Report

Vice President Onishi provided a verbal report. A written report will be forthcoming. In his report Vice President Onishi noted the following:

- The WIR Board of Directors met October 5-7, 2016 in Ashland, Oregon. During this meeting, the Directors toured a local medical marijuana farm and met with an advocate who advocated for the statewide medical marijuana policy.
- During the meeting the Board entertained bylaw amendments, which will be provided to the HSAC Executive Committee with the written report.
- The Board also toured a forest stewardship project that aims to protect the forest watershed.
- NACo President Bryan Desloge received Vice President Onishi's resignation from the NACo Board due to reaching the maximum amount of terms allowable on the Hawai'i County Council. NACo President Desloge expressed his interest in filling the vacancy with a representative from the state of Hawai'i. Vice President Onishi stated that he had discussions with Councilmember Hokama, who suggested waiting until after the General Election to determine who can fulfill the role of replacing Vice President Onishi on the NACo Board of Directors. Vice President Onishi stated that President Desloge would really like a Director that is able to attend all required meetings and is an active participant.



- NACo President Desloge also mentioned that he wanted Hawai'i representation at the Presidential Meeting in Florida, and in particular requested Vice President Onishi's attendance. Treasurer Anderson stated that he will be attending this meeting, in addition to anyone else who was thinking of attending.

President Victorino stated that in consultation with Councilmember Hokama, he recommends further discussion regarding NACo and WIR representatives from Hawai'i be held after the General Election.

President Victorino noted that all Councilmembers need to be aware when taking NACo or WIR positions that HSAC will only pay for amounts listed in the HSAC Bylaws and that the Councilmembers need to understand their responsibility to secure any additional funding for the remainder of the costs to attend these meetings. President Victorino also clarified that HSAC will cover costs for Steering Committee participation, and not Standing Committee participation. President Victorino further stated that the individual counties will need to pick-up any remaining cost incurred.

Vice President Onishi stated that the difficulty with the current reimbursement policy is that those attending meetings or conferences in locations such as Washington D.C. will find it hard to find airfare, hotel, etc. within the \$2,000 reimbursement budget.

Treasurer Anderson moved to approve the verbal WIR Report provided by Vice President Onishi, seconded by Vice President Onishi, and unanimously carried.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Communication from Honolulu City Clerk Glen Takahashi submitting a State bill for inclusion in the 2017 Hawaii State Association of Counties Legislative Package, as approved by the Council on October 5, 2016. The bill would require the State Department of Health to regulate residential and commercial noise (Resolution 16-266).

Treasurer Anderson stated that the proposal introduced by Councilmember Ozawa would require the State Department of Health to regulate residential and commercial noise. President Victorino expressed his appreciation that the original proposal was amended, and stated that this version is satisfactory.

Secretary Rapozo moved to approve for inclusion in the 2017 HSAC Legislative Package, seconded by Vice President Onishi, and unanimously carried.



- B. Communication from Maui County Clerk Danny Mateo submitting four State bills for inclusion in the 2017 Hawai'i State Association of Counties Legislative Package, as approved by the Maui County Council on October 7, 2016. The bills have the following respective purposes:
1. To allow certain government records to be shared among councilmembers where no commitment to vote on the matter is made or sought (Resolution 16-124).
 2. To allocate \$250,000 to the counties in the next two fiscal years for the identification and mapping of Important Agricultural Lands (Resolution 16-125).
 3. To allow counties to petition the State Land Use Commission for regional district boundary amendments after adoption of general plan updates (Resolution 16-126).
 4. To allow a representative of each county council to participate as a non-voting member in bargaining unit negotiations, to allow each county council to receive updates on relevant bargaining unit negotiations, and to change the allocation of votes for Bargaining Units 11 and 12 (Resolution 16-127).

Government Records. President Victorino explained that sharing of information due to the Sunshine Law is very inefficient as Councilmembers need to wait until a Council or Committee Meeting to share information related to an agenda item. He further explained that this proposal will only facilitate the sharing of information and would not secure any commitment of a vote on the matter. President Victorino also stated that this proposal may help to allow Councilmembers to be better prepared for discussion with questions ahead of time, and may allow Councilmembers the opportunity to work on amendments in advance of the meeting. Vice President Onishi asked for clarification as to what records would fall under this provision. President Victorino explained that with this modification any communication or information not asking for a specific vote could be distributed in advance. Councilmember Baisa stated that this would also be beneficial to the public as they could get information in advance of the meetings as well.

Treasurer Anderson moved for approval of item 1 for inclusion in the 2017 HSAC Legislative Package, seconded by Vice President Onishi, and unanimously carried.

Important Agricultural Lands (IAL). President Victorino stated that the County of Kaua'i did receive funding for the IAL process, and that this funding request is supported by those in attendance at the recent Hawai'i Congress of Planning Officials Conference.



Vice President Onishi moved for approval of item 2 for inclusion in the 2017 HSAC Legislative Package, seconded by Secretary Rapozo, and unanimously carried.

State Land Use Commission Boundary Amendments.

President Victorino stated that regardless of the counties' planning processes and approval processes, if the project is over fifteen (15) acres, it still needs to go through the State Land Use Commission's approval process, which takes 18-36 months. This proposal will help to expedite the approval process for the counties' affordable housing and other projects, which have already been through the county approval process.

Secretary Rapozo moved for approval of item 3 for inclusion in the 2017 HSAC Legislative Package, seconded by Vice President Onishi, and unanimously carried.

Bargaining Units 11 and 12 Negotiations. President Victorino stated this might be the most controversial of all proposals submitted by the County of Maui. President Victorino explained that the Maui County Council received information from the State that there is no prohibition against this, but that the Mayors are the counties' representatives in these negotiations. The State also conveyed that the councils could also be briefed in executive session regarding collective bargaining items. President Victorino stated that the Maui County Council felt that if they are the funding source, they need to be prepared in advance of approving any type of collective bargaining cost items and not be blindsided by not having any information to make fiscal decisions. President Victorino further stated that he had experienced this feeling during the last collective bargaining negotiations for the ocean safety employees. Furthermore, President Victorino expressed his concern with the number of votes provided to the Governor, as the State does not fund increases for police and fire services with total funding coming from county general funds. Therefore this proposal includes a provision asking that a greater number of votes be given to the counties for these particular bargaining units that fall under the counties' purview.

Treasurer Anderson moved for approval of item 4 for inclusion in the 2017 HSAC Legislative Package, seconded by Vice President Onishi, and unanimously carried.



C. 2017 State Legislature update and discussion on lobbying efforts.

President Victorino reported that he and Councilmember Baisa received a call from Mr. Scott Ishikawa of Becker Communications, Inc. to further explain the written information that was provided in a previous agenda packet. Mr. Ishikawa conveyed to President Victorino and Councilmember Baisa that he has lined up all of the community partners and is ready to make contact with those partners on O'ahu to move forward with scheduling as soon as possible.

Councilmember Baisa further explained that both she and President Victorino will no longer be members of the Maui County Council after the General Election and had discussed having a meeting immediately following the Election to discuss the respective responsibilities of remaining HSAC members, as it relates to moving the HSAC efforts forward. Councilmember Baisa noted that Kit Zulueta from Maui Council Services is working to coordinate a list of Maui contacts and encouraged all other HSAC Executive Committee members to provide their contacts to Mr. Ishikawa as soon as possible.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Scheduling of the next meeting.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for November 28, 2016, 10:00 a.m. on O'ahu.

B. Other announcements.

President Victorino wished his colleagues who are running in the General Election success in their races.

Treasurer Anderson stated that he will be meeting with Mayor Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr. to get a better understanding of issues that the Hawai'i Council of Mayors (HCOM) may be addressing in the near future and to get Mayor Carvalho's personal perspective about the TAT issue. Treasurer Anderson also plans to meet with the mayors of the City and County of Honolulu, Maui Mayor Alan Arakawa, and Mayor-elect Harry Kim from the County of Hawai'i regarding the same subject matters.

President Victorino stated that he plans to meet with Common Cause and the League of Women Voters to get their input on Sunshine Law proposals. President Victorino will also be meeting with Governor Ige to get his feedback on the TAT and General Excise Tax (GET) issues.



VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no objections, President Victorino adjourned the meeting at 12:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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MINUTES
HSAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
November 28, 2016
Honolulu Hale, Committee Meeting Room
530 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

I. CALL TO ORDER

The HSAC Executive Committee was called to order by HSAC President and County of Maui Councilmember Michael Victorino at 10:07 a.m. The following members comprising a quorum were present:

County of Maui:	President Michael Victorino, County of Maui Councilmember
County of Hawai'i:	Vice President Dennis "Fresh" Onishi, County of Hawai'i Councilmember
County of Kaua'i:	Secretary Mel Rapozo, County of Kaua'i Council Chair
City and County of Honolulu:	Treasurer Ikaika Anderson, City and County of Honolulu Councilmember
Others Present:	Gladys C. Baisa, County of Maui Councilmember Stacy Crivello, County of Maui Councilmember Dru Kanuha, County of Hawai'i Council Chair Honolulu staff Brandon Mitsuda, Council Liaison, Honolulu City Council Administrative Support Services; Honolulu staff Francisco Figueiredo, Legislative Aide, Office of Councilmember Ikaika Anderson; Honolulu Intern Nelson Mukai, Office of Councilmember Ikaika Anderson; County of Maui staff Kim Willenbrink, Office of Council Services; Kaua'i staff Aida Kawamura, Legislative Assistant, Office of Council Services; Scott Ishikawa, Becker Communications, Inc.



On a point of personal privilege and with no objections, President Victorino recognized outgoing HSAC Vice President Dennis “Fresh” Onishi, outgoing HSAC Alternate Maui County Councilmember Gladys Baisa, proposed incoming HSAC representative Maui County Councilmember Stacy Crivello, and proposed incoming HSAC representative Hawai‘i County Councilmember Dru Kanuha.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Treasurer Anderson moved for approval of the Agenda as circulated, seconded by Vice President Onishi, and unanimously carried.

III. MINUTES

- A. Minutes of the October 24, 2016 HSAC Executive Committee meeting, as submitted by the HSAC Secretary.

Treasurer Anderson moved for approval of the Minutes of the October 24, 2016 HSAC Executive Committee Meeting, seconded by Vice President Onishi, and unanimously carried.

IV. REPORTS

A. Treasurer’s Report

- 1. Treasurer’s Report for October 2016, as submitted by the HSAC Treasurer.

Secretary Rapozo moved to approve the HSAC Treasurer’s Report for the Month of October 2016, seconded by Vice President Onishi, and unanimously carried.

Vice President Onishi tendered the following from the 2016 HSAC Annual Conference held in Kona: 1) check for \$5,000 as reimbursement for seed moneys received; 2) check for \$14,164.31 representing proceeds remaining in the conference account; and 3) the conference checkbook.

B. County Reports

- 1. City and County of Honolulu Report. Treasurer Anderson reported his introduction of City Council Resolution 16-310, amending the City Council’s rules relating to committee structure. The



resolution proposes that the council shall determine the chair, vice chair, and members of the committee on executive matters and legal affairs, as well as other standing committees by resolution. The current standard of practice gives the Chair the sole authority and discretion to appoint the several chairs, vice chairs, and committee members. Treasurer Anderson is recommending a more transparent practice that allows input from other members.

At its meeting on November 2, 2016, the City Council adopted Resolution 16-276, CD1, approving the marketing of Verona Villages in Ewa Village, and concurring with Administration's use of competitive sealed proposals to select the potential buyer and developer. The Council also adopted Resolution 16-288, relating to the 2017 HSAC Legislative Package.

The City Council will be hearing Resolution 16-309, which approves the nomination of Kaua'i Councilmember Arryl Kaneshiro to the Board of Directors of NACo at its upcoming meeting in December. Lastly, the City is preparing for its annual Honolulu City Lights Program, which opens on Saturday, December 3, 2016.

2. County of Hawai'i Report. Vice President Onishi reported that Hawai'i County Council discussed concerns with the overtime incurred for CIP projects in the Parks and Recreation Department, and will continue to have more discussion on this issue in January 2017. He noted that there are some changes in the new Council, and he introduced Councilmember Dru Kanuha, who is slated to represent Hawai'i County on HSAC.
3. County of Kaua'i Report. Secretary Rapozo reported that Councilmember KipuKai Kualii and Councilmember Gary Hooser were not re-elected to the Council. The incoming members are Derek Kawakami and Arthur Brun. During the Councilmembers-elect organizational meeting, no changes were made to the leadership and rules, which are pending approval on December 1, 2016. In addition, Mr. Kawakami has expressed interest in serving on HSAC, and will be an asset because of his relationship with members at the State Legislature. Secretary Rapozo noted that he will serve as the alternate, should Mr. Kawakami be confirmed as the HSAC representative.



Secretary Rapozo noted that one of the first issues to be addressed by the incoming Council is the repeal of Ordinance No. 968 due to the recent decision rendered by the Supreme Court of Appeals. Adopting the repeal of Ordinance No. 968 will prevent the initiation of litigation regarding pesticides and genetically modified organisms on Kauaʻi.

Secretary Rapozo reported that Councilmember Kaneshiro expressed interest in serving on NACo, replacing Councilmember Kualiʻi, but as a Kōloa Days Parade Chairman, he has declared a conflict with attending one of the board meetings. Secretary Rapozo noted that it may be necessary to reconsider this nomination if a full commitment to NACo cannot be met.

4. County of Maui Report. President Victorino reported that Maui County elected three new Councilmembers: Alike Atay representing Wailuku-Waihee-Waikapū, Yuki Lei Sugimura representing Upcountry Maui, and Kelly King, who defeated Don Couch, representing South Maui. Councilmember Stacy Crivello will be Maui's representative on HSAC, and the Council leadership consists of Mike White as Council Chair, and Councilmember Bob Carroll as Council Vice Chair. The several Committee Chairs have yet to be confirmed.

Maui County adopted a Charter amendment that gives the Council authority to approve of certain mayoral department head appointees. This provision will take effect in 2018 with the election of a new mayor.

In an effort to assist in addressing the housing crisis on Maui, the Council approved an affordable accessory dwelling bill which allows construction of 'ohana units on lots smaller than 7,500 square feet. Other legislation considered by the Council are: reviews for park concessions, alcohol prohibition at certain parks, review of the old Maui High School, and homeless related bills. Legislation regarding a plastic bag ban, polystyrene ban, and traffic related proposals will be referred to the next Council. Inauguration is scheduled for January 2, 2017 at 10 a.m., followed by the organizational meeting.



Secretary Rapozo moved to receive the foregoing County Reports for the record, seconded by Vice President Onishi, and unanimously carried.

C. National Association of Counties (NACo) Report

President Victorino noted that the next NACo board meeting is scheduled for December 7-9, 2016 in Tallahassee, Florida, and that he will be attending his final Rural Action Committee meeting from December 6-8, 2016.

Secretary Rapozo requested discussion regarding a replacement for Vice President Onishi's seat on the NACo board, and asked members for concurrence to nominate Councilmember Dru Kanuha as his replacement, as it would be appropriate for this seat to be filled by a Hawai'i County representative. President Victorino stated that Council Chair Mike White, Maui County, has stated interest in being considered for the same position. Vice President Onishi reported that he discussed this matter with NACo President Bryan Desloge, who expressed a desire to appoint someone from Hawai'i as Mr. Onishi's replacement. Vice President Onishi noted that he recently sent a communication to Mr. Desloge recommending Councilmember Kanuha as his replacement. Vice President Onishi is aware that Councilmember Hokama requested to be made aware of whom HSAC would be nominating. Vice President Onishi also appreciated the previous process that allowed someone from Hawai'i County to be selected. Vice President Onishi further noted that Mr. Roy Brooks will be making the presidential appointments for the succeeding term, and that HSAC did not support Mr. Brooks. President Victorino stated that he will be in contact with Councilmember Hokama, who, he believed, was unaware that any member was being considered to replace Mr. Onishi on the NACo board.

Vice President Onishi moved to receive the NACo report for the record, seconded by Secretary Rapozo, and unanimously carried.

D. Western Interstate Region (WIR) Report

Vice President Onishi stated that staff is still finalizing the WIR report, which will be submitted at the next meeting.

There being no objections, the report was deferred.



V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Maui County Council Resolution 16-137, adopted on October 7, 2016, approving proposals for inclusion in the 2017 Hawai'i State Association of Counties Legislative Package.
- B. Maui County Council Resolution 16-152, adopted on November 4, 2016, approving a proposal to inclusion in the 2017 Hawai'i State Association of Counties Legislative Package.
- C. Honolulu City Council Resolution 16-288, adopted on November 2, 2016, approving proposals for inclusion in the 2017 Hawai'i State Association of Counties Legislative Package.
- D. Kaua'i County Council Resolution 2016-79, adopted on November 16, 2016, approving and disapproving proposals for inclusion in the 2017 Hawai'i State Association of Counties Legislative Package.
- E. Hawai'i County Council Resolution 727-16, adopted on November 16, 2016, approving proposals for inclusion in the 2017 Hawai'i State Association of Counties Legislative Package.

President Victorino acknowledged receipt of the foregoing communications (A through E) relating to the proposals approved and disapproved by Maui County Council, Honolulu City Council, Kaua'i County Council, and Hawai'i County Council to be included in the 2017 Hawai'i State Association of Counties Legislative Package.

- F. Summary of the proposals approved for inclusion in the 2017 Hawai'i State Association of Counties Legislative Package.

President Victorino reviewed the several proposals sent to the Councils for approval. He noted that three proposals were not successful.

President Victorino reported that he met with Common Cause and League of Women Voters to discuss the government records proposal, and they appear receptive to what HSAC is requesting, but they will provide additional verbiage that they would like included.

Regarding the tort liability measure, President Victorino reported that he met with Bob Toyofuku, who has stated support for a proposal that would give the counties the same coverage as the state. He felt that with



support from Mr. Toyofuku and the Hawai'i State Bar Association, there is very good possibility that the tort liability measure will pass. President Victorino also discussed the matter with Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran, who stated his support. President Victorino noted that he will be scheduling a meeting with House leaders to discuss support for this measure.

Secretary Rapozo requested for clarification on the difference between HSAC's proposal and Mr. Toyofuku recommendation. President Victorino stated that HSAC's measure proposes to delete the sunset date, and Mr. Toyofuku was unclear what that meant. President Victorino believed that Mr. Toyofuku would be able to support a measure that states that "the counties have the same immunity and liability exemptions as the state." President Victorino stated that he will be sharing Mr. Toyofuku's recommended language with the members for their information.

Vice President Onishi requested that a Kaua'i representative be included in discussions with Mr. Toyofuku, because the measure was initiated by Kaua'i County.

Regarding unadjudicated fines, President Victorino noted that he has not received any positive responses from legislators regarding this proposal. There is very good support for the emergency medical services bill, which requests for an appropriation to purchase one ambulance each for the counties of Kaua'i and Hawai'i. President Victorino was unsure whether the legislature is in support of the "drone" bill. In addition, through conversations with the ACLU and other groups, President Victorino believed those groups had no objections to the Identification Cards for Persons with Disabilities bill.

Regarding the TAT bill, President Victorino noted that HSAC has started its process of identifying and reaching out to various groups to discuss their involvement with this particular issue, although Governor Ige has stated his objection to any increase in the TAT for counties, as well as have Senate President Kouchi and House Speaker Souki. Secretary Rapozo believed that HSAC should move ahead with its plans to lobby for TAT, especially with the assistance of Scott Ishikawa from Becker Communications, Inc. It is important that the various groups be informed and that they support HSAC's position on the TAT.



President Victorino stated that Maui County is in a huge flux due to the closure of HC&S, and the criteria for important ag land designation need to be defined. President Victorino stated that funds are needed to assist the counties with this program.

The collective bargaining measure requests that the councils have representation at the negotiation table, and that the voting requirement be redistributed. President Victorino reported that he received mixed reviews on this measure, so more discussion may be necessary to clarify this issue.

President Victorino requested that a top-four priority be set for the measures approved for inclusion in the HSAC Legislative Package. Members agreed that Tort Liability is number one. Measures discussed for prioritizing are: TAT, ambulance service, and collective bargaining. President Victorino stated that additional discussion on HSAC's priorities will take place at the December meeting.

The Committee took a recess at 11:14 a.m., and reconvened at 11:22 a.m.

- G. 2017 State Legislative Session update and discussion on lobbying efforts.
 - 1. Update from the President on scheduled meetings with advocacy groups.
 - 2. Update from Becker Communications.

Scott Ishikawa, Becker Communications, Inc., (BCI), reported that he has reached out to, and awaiting responses from, the following organizations regarding doing a legislative briefing: SHOPO, HGEA, Firefighters Union, and Hawai'i Chamber of Commerce. Scheduled dates will depend on HSAC's availability to meet. Mr. Ishikawa has also reached out to the neighbor island newspapers, who have committed to meet with HSAC to discuss the legislative package. Mr. Ishikawa has also gotten a commitment to meet from Kevin Dayton, Capitol Bureau Reporter at the *Star Advertiser*, Wayne Yoshioka at *Kaua'i Public Radio*, and *Civil Beat* and *Associated Press* have stated a willingness to meet with HSAC. The media plan also includes reaching out to TV station reporters to be available during the Legislature's opening day.

Mr. Ishikawa noted that he will have available for review and approval at the next meeting: talking points for interviews, a press release, and an Op-Ed.



Mr. Ishikawa addressed a media inquiry regarding the uncontested traffic fines measure, and that the State Judiciary was unresponsive in providing any information. Mr. Ishikawa found S.B. 2650 which was introduced last session by Senator Gabbard and others. Mr. Ishikawa was informed that roughly \$12 million in uncontested traffic fines was collected in the previous year (approximately \$6 million from the City & County of Honolulu and \$2 million each from the other counties). They also reported that county officers issue approximately 90% of the citations. President Victorino also noted his concern that it costs Maui County roughly \$16 million to run the Judiciary, and that the State sheriffs only issue traffic citations at the airports; the county police department enforces all other roadways. Secretary Rapozo stated that the missing information is the cost incurred by the Judiciary to process uncontested traffic cases. A prosecutor always files a case, which charge will be dismissed should the fine be paid prior to the court date.

President Victorino distributed copies of communications from advocacy groups (see attached). These groups are receptive to HSAC and have stated a willingness to work collaboratively to find solutions.

- H. Proposal from the President relating to a General Membership meeting in December to facilitate the transition in HSAC leadership and lobbying efforts.

After discussion and receiving no support for the \$175 travel expense reimbursement, President Victorino withdrew his request for travel reimbursement for other councilmembers to attend an HSAC meeting in December.

Members were agreeable to scheduling a general membership meeting following the Executive Committee Meeting on December 20, 2016.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Scheduling of the next meeting.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 20, 2016, at 10 a.m. on O'ahu, followed by a General Membership meeting at 12 Noon.



B. Other announcements.

There were no other announcements.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mel Rapozo".

MEL RAPOZO, Secretary
Hawai'i State Association of Counties

Michael Victorino

From: R. Brian Black <brian@civilbeatlawcenter.org>
Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2016 4:11 PM
To: Michael Victorino
Cc: Corie Tanida; Doug Meller; Janet F. Mason; mikev@mutualunderwriters.com
Subject: Re: HSAC Draft Proposals to Amend the State Sunshine Law

Aloha Councilmember Victorino, Corie shared with me the draft bills. I am not sure I understand the need for the permitted interaction amendment, in light of the broad carve-out for County Councils in Section 92-3.1(b). The Law Center is receptive to the proposal regarding board members circulating public records. If there is interest on all sides, I would like to work with Corie, Doug, and Janet to see if we collectively might be able to suggest some revisions.

If folks are interested in working on that record transmittal proposal, please let me know. And I am available to discuss either proposal.

Best,
Brian

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR
Hearing Scheduled 9 am, Friday, February 13, 2015, Conference Room 16
SB 465 RELATING TO GOVERNMENT RECORDS
TESTIMONY
Douglas Meller, Legislative Committee, League of Women Voters of Hawaii

Chair Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, and Committee Members:

The League of Women Voters opposes SB 465. The bill allows a member of a public board to transmit any "... government record for which disclosure is required..." to other board members "... provided that no commitment relating to a vote on the matter is made or sought ... *in the means of transmittal*". Unfortunately, SB 465 would create two unacceptable loopholes in Hawaii's Sunshine Law under which board members could use memos and email to privately, serially discuss and even make voting commitments on matters before the board outside of any board meeting.

Although a transmittal memo or transmittal email could not directly make or seek a voting commitment, SB 465, as drafted, would authorize a member of a public board to use a transmittal memo or transmittal email (forwarding an attached government record) to express opinions on board matters to other board members. Moreover, if a board member authored and authorized public disclosure of a policy memo which expressed opinions, made voting commitments, or sought voting commitments about matters before the board, SB 465 would allow that policy memo to be transmitted to other board members outside of any board meeting. Such a policy memo would constitute a "government record" which would have to be disclosed under Section 92F-12(b)(1), Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.



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SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Tuesday, February 2, 2016, 1:15 pm, Conference Room 414
SB 2293 RELATING TO OPEN GOVERNMENT

TESTIMONY

Douglas Meller, Legislative Committee, League of Women Voters of Hawaii

Chair Kim, Vice-Chair Ihara, and Committee Members:

The League of Women Voters of Hawaii supports SB 2293 which strengthens statutory policies and requirements applicable to public notice, participation, and monitoring of board meetings.

We believe that SB 2293 is needed to resolve public complaints that:

- when the public requests electronic mail notice of board meetings instead of postal mail notice under Section 92-7(e), Hawaii Revised Statutes, some boards send electronic mail notice less than 6 calendar days prior to board meetings.
- some boards schedule public testimony concerning board packets before the public has opportunity to review or hear discussion of the board packets.
- some boards delay public disclosure of board packets until after completion of board action on the board packets.
- some boards delay public disclosure of their draft minutes beyond 30 days despite OIP rulings concerning disclosure of draft minutes.

In Section 1, we suggest that you amend SB 2293 to require boards to provide only electronic copies of board packets to persons requesting notification of board meetings under Section 92-7(e), Hawaii Revised Statutes. Otherwise, many boards might find the cost of duplicating and mailing paper copies of their board packets to be prohibitive.

In Section 6, we suggest that you amend SB 2293 to eliminate the requirement for boards to post video and sound recordings on an internet website. We doubt that all boards have sufficient expertise and resources to periodically post video and sound recordings on an internet website.

Otherwise, we strongly support SB 2293. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC AGENCY MEETINGS AND RECORDS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Act 221, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014, is
2 amended by amending section 4 to read as follows:

3 "SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval[+
4 ~~provided that on June 30, 2016, section 2 of this Act shall be~~
5 ~~repealed and section 92-3.1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, shall be~~
6 ~~reenacted in the form in which it read on the day before the~~
7 ~~effective date of this Act]."~~

8 SECTION 2. Section 92-3.1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 "§92-3.1 Limited meetings. (a) If a board determines
11 that it is necessary to meet at a location that is dangerous to
12 health or safety, or if a board determines that it is necessary
13 to conduct an on-site inspection of a location that is related
14 to the board's business at which public attendance is not
15 practicable, and the director of the office of information
16 practices concurs, the board may hold a limited meeting at that
17 location that shall not be open to the public; provided that at
18 a regular meeting of the board prior to the limited meeting:



1 (1) The board determines, after sufficient public
2 deliberation, that it is necessary to hold the limited
3 meeting and specifies that the location is dangerous
4 to health or safety or that the on-site inspection is
5 necessary and public attendance is impracticable;

6 (2) Two-thirds of all members to which the board is
7 entitled vote to adopt the determinations required by
8 paragraph (1); and

9 (3) Notice of the limited meeting is provided in
10 accordance with section 92-7.

11 (b) A county council may hold a limited meeting that is
12 open to the public, as the guest of a board or community group
13 holding its own meeting, and the council shall not be required
14 to have a quorum of members in attendance or accept oral
15 testimony; provided that:

16 (1) Notice of the limited meeting shall be provided in
17 accordance with section 92-7, shall indicate the board
18 or community group whose meeting the council is
19 attending, and shall not be required to include an
20 agenda;



- 1 (2) If the board or community group whose meeting the
2 council is attending is subject to part I, chapter 92,
3 then that board or community group shall comply with
4 the notice, agenda, testimony, minutes, and other
5 requirements of part I, chapter 92;
- 6 (3) No more than one limited meeting per month shall be
7 held by a county council for any one board or
8 community group;
- 9 (4) No limited meetings shall be held outside the State;
10 and
- 11 (5) Limited meetings shall not be used to circumvent the
12 purpose of part I, chapter 92.
- 13 (c) At all limited meetings, the board shall:
 - 14 (1) Videotape the meeting, unless the requirement is
15 waived by the director of the office of information
16 practices, and comply with all requirements of section
17 92-9;
 - 18 (2) Make the videotape available at the next regular
19 meeting; and
 - 20 (3) Make no decisions at the meeting.



1 (d) Each county council shall submit an annual report to
2 the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening
3 of each regular session on the effectiveness and application of
4 limited meeting procedures provided in subsection (b), including
5 any recommendations or proposed legislation."

6 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on June 29, 2016.



S.B. NO. 2121
S.D. 1
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Report Title:

Public Meetings; Sunshine Law; County Council Members

Description:

Repeals the June 30, 2016, sunset date of limited statutory exemptions from open meeting requirements which permit county council members to attend public meetings of other boards or community groups. Requires the county councils to submit annual reports to the Legislature on the effectiveness of procedural requirements to effectuate the exemption. (CD1)

The summary description of legislation appearing on this page is for informational purposes only and is not legislation or evidence of legislative intent.



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MINUTES
HSAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
December 22, 2016
Honolulu Hale, Committee Meeting Room
530 South King Street
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I. CALL TO ORDER

The HSAC Executive Committee was called to order by HSAC President and County of Maui Councilmember Michael Victorino at 10:16 a.m. The following members comprising a quorum were present:

County of Maui: President Michael Victorino,
County of Maui Councilmember

County of Hawai'i: Vice President Dru Kanuha
County of Hawai'i Councilmember

County of Kaua'i: Secretary Mel Rapozo,
County of Kaua'i Council Chair

City and County of Honolulu: Treasurer Ikaika Anderson,
City and County of Honolulu Councilmember

Others Present: Stacy Crivello, County of Maui Councilmember
Riki Hokama, County of Maui Councilmember

Honolulu staff Brandon Mitsuda, Council Liaison,
Honolulu City Council Administrative Support
Services;

Honolulu staff Kamakana Watanabe, Office of
Council Services

Honolulu staff Francisco Figueiredo, Legislative
Aide, Office of Councilmember Ikaika Anderson;

Honolulu staff Alan Texeira, Office of
Councilmember Ikaika Anderson;

County of Maui staff Kit Zulueta, Communication
Director, Office of Council Services;

Kaua'i staff Aida Kawamura, Legislative Assistant,
Office of Council Services;



Nelissa Asato, Special Assistant to Mayor Kirk
Caldwell, City & County of Honolulu;
Scott Ishikawa, Becker Communications, Inc.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Secretary Rapozo moved for approval of the Agenda as circulated, seconded by Treasurer Anderson, and unanimously carried.

III. MINUTES

- A. Minutes of the November 28, 2016 HSAC Executive Committee meeting, as submitted by the HSAC Secretary.

Secretary Rapozo noted a correction to the Minutes on page 4, second line, reference to "Ordinance No. 968" should be corrected to read "Ordinance No. 960."

Secretary Rapozo moved for approval of the Minutes of the November 28, 2016 HSAC Executive Committee Meeting as amended, seconded by Treasurer Anderson, and unanimously carried.

IV. REPORTS

A. Treasurer's Report

1. Treasurer's Report for November 2016, as submitted by the HSAC Treasurer.

Vice President Kanuha moved to approve the HSAC Treasurer's Report for the Month of November 2016, seconded by Secretary Rapozo, and unanimously carried.

President Victorino noted that this report includes the final accounting from the 2016 HSAC Annual Conference.

B. County Reports

1. City and County of Honolulu Report. Treasurer Anderson reported that the City Council approved Resolution No. 16-309, approving the nomination of Councilmember Arryl Kaneshiro, County of Kaua'i, to the NACo Board of Directors. The City Council



approved Bill 55 CD1 FD1, relating to private transportation services and drivers; and Bill 58 CD1, relating to the housing development special fund, specifying that moneys received to satisfy affordable housing requirements must be deposited in the City's housing development special fund. The City Council passed Bill 61, relating to real property taxation, clarifying that the payment of a late filing penalty of \$500 must be made at the time of the late filing. The City Council adopted Resolution 16-181 CD1, requesting the city administration to prepare a report on the feasibility of consolidating all ocean safety activities; Resolution 16-248, reaffirming the Honolulu City Council's support of extending the county's surcharge on the general excise tax in order to complete the Honolulu rail project all the way to Ala Moana Shopping Center as was agreed upon in the full-funding grant agreement with the federal government; Resolution 16-278, relating to an intergovernmental agreement between the Honolulu Liquor Commission and the University of Hawai'i Office of Public Health Studies; and Resolution 16-301, renaming the veterans memorial aquatic center in the Patsy Mink Central O'ahu Regional Park the "Mark Takai Veterans Memorial Aquatic Center." The City Council also hosted many school children, other community groups, and visitors at Honolulu Hale in the Council Chambers to experience the annual Honolulu Christmas festivities in conjunction with the Honolulu City Lights program. Finally, the City Council is preparing for the inauguration of Councilmembers on January 3, 2017 to take place in the Honolulu Hale.

2. County of Hawai'i Report. Vice President Kanuha reported that inauguration was held in early December 2016 and Hawai'i County welcomed Mayor Harry Kim, Council Chair Valerie Poindexter, and several new members of the Council (Tim Richards, Jen Ruggles, Eileen O'Hara, and Sue Lee Loy). Vice President Kanuha stated that he is pleased to be a member of the HSAC Executive Committee, and will work towards educating his colleagues on the mission, duties, and responsibilities of HSAC, NACo and WIR.
3. County of Kaua'i Report. Secretary Rapozo reported that a bill proposing to repeal Ord. No. 960 was passed on first reading and is set for public hearing. The Council has received numerous testimony supporting to keep the invalid law on the books. The Council also passed on first reading a bill that would allow the vending of alcoholic beverages throughout the grounds of the



Wailua Golf Course. Other municipal golf courses in the State of Hawai'i prohibit this type of activity on their courses. Mayor Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr. has stated his opposition and that he will veto the proposal if presented for his approval. Secretary Rapozo added that as the lone opposing vote, he believes it creates liability for the county, and serving alcoholic beverages throughout the golf course is not necessary to keep it open.

Secretary Rapozo reported that the HSAC Annual Conference is scheduled for June 19 and 20, 2017, at the Aston Kaua'i Beach Resort. Secretary Rapozo solicited suggestions on topics and speakers that would be of interest statewide, such as real property tax, affordable housing, a legislative forum, etc.

Secretary Rapozo moved to approve an appropriation of \$5,000 from the HSAC general account to be used as seed funding for the 2017 HSAC Annual Conference to be held on Kaua'i, seconded by Vice President Kanuha, and unanimously carried.

4. County of Maui Report. President Victorino introduced Councilmember Stacy Crivello, who will replace him on the HSAC Executive Committee, and Councilmember Riki Hokama, alternate. As of January 1, 2017, Councilmember Hokama will be the Immediate Past NACo President, due to the departure of Sally Clark.

President Victorino reported that Maui County Council passed on first reading the polystyrene disposal food container ban bill, which extends the definition to include all polystyrene products produced outside of the county, which may affect more businesses, and includes the sales of cup-o-noodles, etc. The Council will also be revisiting the plastic ban bill. Maui County has submitted 12 proposals to the Legislature, and many are similar to the proposals included on the HSAC Legislative Package.

The last sugarcane haul to the mill occurred on December 12, 2016, signaling the closure of HC&S, as well as the last sugarcane ship to leave the island loaded with sugarcane. Many family, friends, former and present employees, and retirees gathered to commemorate this solemn event.



The Council is now tasked with not only water issues in East Maui, but also the possible purchase of the Wailuku Water Company Distribution System.

Maui County Council passed Bill 115, authorizing the Council to create a special improvement district by specific ordinance, which is similar to the process for designating Waikīkī and Chinatown. These designated districts are able to plan improvements within their area, and allow for certain considerations, such as tax exemptions, to be presented to the Council for consideration.

Maui County Council passed Bill 119, requiring all planning commissioners to attend the native Hawaiian law class, which will be funded by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, to better prepare commissioners to address native culture and issues, such as burials and culturally sensitive sites, etc.

President Victorino presented gifts from HSAC thanking outgoing Councilmembers for their service on HSAC, NACo, or WIR.

Secretary Rapozo moved to receive the foregoing County Reports for the record, seconded by Vice President Kanuha, and unanimously carried.

C. National Association of Counties (NACo) Report

Treasurer Anderson reported that he attended the NACo Board of Directors meeting and had the opportunity to speak with Past NACo President Hokama to discuss issues and the presidential appointment to the board of directors. It is hopeful that Hawai'i will continue to have the third seat on the board, and Mr. Hokama will work diligently towards retaining that position for Hawai'i. Treasurer Anderson said that he looks forward to attending the upcoming conference in February 2017.

Councilmember Hokama reported that the National Board passed its budget for the upcoming year. NACo hired a new financial officer who came from AARP, a much larger and progressive organization. The financial officer is currently doing his due diligence and review. NACo will also consider retention of the current auditors. NACo's current leadership is currently meeting with the Trump Advance Team on Policy. During the election process, there was not much detail disclosed on what Mr. Trump will consider for local governance, but NACo has been at the table and believes NACo's position is more elevated. NACo's research is



utilized as the basic foundation for many of the White House and Congressional comments. NACo officers have been invited and will attend the January 20, 2017 inauguration of Mr. Trump as President of the United States.

President Victorino reported that NACo First Vice President Roy Brooks has made a commitment that Hawai'i will hold an at-large presidential appointment during his term as NACo President. President Victorino thanked Mr. Hokama and Judge Whitley for their continued work and support of HSAC.

D. Western Interstate Region (WIR) Report

President Victorino requested that Vice President Kanuha follow-up on the WIR report that was to be submitted by former Vice President Dennis Onishi.

Councilmember Hokama stated that it is very important that HSAC's WIR representatives be active and diligent because of the issues being presented, particularly the possible expansion of the coalition to include certain southern states, which Councilmember Hokama opposes. Councilmember Hokama reported that Gordon Cruikshank has disclosed interest in fulfilling Lesley Robinson's term on the Executive Board. Mr. Cruikshank is a proven leader and all 15 counties have one vote each. The HSAC Executive Committee had no objection for Hawai'i's one vote for Mr. Cruikshank to fulfill Ms. Robinson's term.

Secretary Rapozo moved for approval of the NACo and WIR reports, seconded by Vice President Kanuha, and unanimously carried.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and consideration of an independent auditor's report from Carbonaro CPAs & Management Group for audited financial statements of the Hawai'i State Association of Counties for the year ending June 30, 2016.

Treasurer Anderson reviewed the statements in the draft audit report.

Secretary Rapozo moved to approve the auditor's report, second by Vice President Kanuha, and unanimously carried.



- B. Hawai'i County Council Resolution 12-16, adopted on December 5, 2016, appointing Dru Kanuha as HSAC representative and Valerie T. Poindexter as alternate.

There being no objections, the communication was received for the record.

- C. Memo from HSAC President Michael P. Victorino on HSAC representative vacancies and consideration of the nomination of Arryl Kaneshiro for NACo Board Member and Dru Kanuha for WIR Board Member to fulfill the term ending June 30, [2016.] 2017.

Secretary Rapozo moved to approve the nominations of Arryl Kaneshiro for NACo Board Member and Dru Kanuha for WIR Board Member to fulfill the terms ending June 30, 2017, seconded by Treasurer Anderson, and unanimously carried.

- D. Honolulu City Council Resolution 16-309, adopted on December 1, 2016, approving Kaua'i County Councilmember Arryl Kaneshiro to the NACo Board of Directors.

Treasurer Anderson moved to receive the communication for the record, seconded by Vice President Kanuha, and unanimously carried.

- E. Kaua'i County Council Resolution 2017-08, adopted on December 14, 2016, approving Kaua'i County Councilmember Arryl Kaneshiro to the NACo Board of Directors.

Secretary Rapozo moved to receive the communication for the record, seconded by Vice President Kanuha, and unanimously carried.

- F. Vacancy on the Board of Advisors of the Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution.

President Victorino noted that HSAC has two positions on the Board of Advisors of the Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution, which are currently held by Councilmember Brandon Elefante and Councilmember Don Couch. A vacancy will occur with Councilmember Couch's departure from his Council seat. President Victorino requested interest from other County Councilmembers to be submitted by January 5, 2017 for HSAC's consideration.



G. Discussion and consideration of hiring a Legislative Coordinator.

President Victorino stated that this is the opportune time to try this effort for six months and then evaluate its effectiveness at the June 2017 general membership meeting. Having someone present at the Legislature is crucial, especially during decision making when councilmembers are busy formulating their county budgets and may not be available to attend legislative hearings.

Regarding the tort liability proposal, President Victorino received the following voice message: *"Mike, this is Bob Toyofuku. It is Tuesday, December 20. It's about 5 o'clock. Sorry I didn't call any earlier; I've been swamped as usual. But I did talk to the trial lawyer group that I represent, and unfortunately, Mike, they are still opposed to the bill and having the sunset changed...making it permanent. Feel free to call me. I'll be in tomorrow. 524-4155. Sorry I couldn't see you today. We had our office party earlier and I had these meetings, and the other thing, my wife got really sick so I had to change my plans anyway and get her to the doctor. Anyway, talk to you later. Thanks, Mike."* President Victorino noted that Mr. Toyofuku was very positive during an earlier meeting with him and was going to present alternative language for the counties to have the same immunity as the State, but that did not happen.

Treasurer Anderson offered to approach former Representative Blake Oshiro, who is with Capital Consultants Hawai'i, a very successful firm at the State and County levels, regarding working with HSAC should the members decide to move forward with hiring a lobbyist.

Vice President Kanuha stated that each county does its part in supporting HSAC and each other, and lobbying as necessary. President Victorino noted that bigger states have the financial means to hire an executive director who would be responsible for these legislative-related duties. President Victorino stated that he attended a legislative coordinators' meeting in California, where he found out that many of the counties have legislative coordinators that assist their associations. The counties with no legislative coordinator are informed of what is happening at the legislature.

Secretary Rapozo believed that Mr. Ishikawa's efforts with educating the general public and organizations on the issues is key for HSAC to be successful in relaying its message and getting the public's support. Secretary Rapozo agreed that more discussion on this effort, including associated costs, are needed.



Treasurer Anderson stated that legislators prefer to have discussions with councilmembers rather than engage in battle over the news media. He agreed that past efforts by HSAC have been fruitless, but putting the right person in front of the legislators could provide more positive outcomes. Secretary Rapozo believed that a change in representation at the legislature will positively affect the State's relationship with the counties, as will support of HSAC's positions by organizations and the general public. Secretary Rapozo added that the general public should also be aware of the services the counties now provide because the State stopped its services or turned over the responsibilities to the counties.

President Victorino requested consideration to extend HSAC's contract with Becker Communications, Inc. to January 31, 2017, based on the existing hourly rate.

Vice President Kanuha moved to extend HSAC's contract with Becker Communications Inc. until January 31, 2017, seconded by Secretary Rapozo, and unanimously carried.

President Victorino requested that discussion and a decision regarding a legislative coordinator continue at the January 17, 2017 meeting with the new HSAC representatives.

H. 2017 State Legislative Session update and discussion on lobbying efforts.

Scott Ishikawa, Becker Communications, Inc., thanked the members for extending his contract until the end of January 2017 to allow him to fulfill his main objective of getting meeting commitments prior to the opening day of the legislative session. Mr. Ishikawa understood that the incoming HSAC representatives will consider extending his contract beyond January 31, 2017, for the remainder of the legislative session.

HSAC will be meeting with President Sherry Menor and Vice President Pono Chong with the State of Hawai'i Chamber of Commerce today at 2:30 p.m. A meeting with Randy Perreira of HGEA is scheduled for 9 a.m. next Wednesday. SHOPO and UPW have not responded to confirm a meeting date. Mr. Ishikawa is working on setting up dates to meet with the local Chambers of Commerce.

Secretary Rapozo recommended that an Executive Committee member from another County also be present for the local Chamber meetings, to



validate that these are statewide issues. Vice President Kanuha agreed and welcomed the presence of a senior member to advocate for the issues.

Mr. Ishikawa noted that *The Garden Island*, the two newspaper entities on the Big Island, and *The Maui News* have committed to do interviews with the neighbor island representatives during the first or second week of January. The *Advertiser*, *Hawai'i Public Radio*, and *Civil Beat* have committed availability on January 17, 2017 to interview representatives regarding the legislative package. Mr. Ishikawa added that the draft op-ed will be finalized within a week, and the final version will be submitted to the *Star Advertiser* and the neighbor island newspapers. Secretary Rapozo requested that a paper on talking points be developed to assist members in putting forward a consistent message. Members also discussed utilizing social media as an additional avenue to present HSAC's position.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Scheduling of the next meeting.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 17, 2017, at 10 a.m. on O'ahu, followed by a Legislative Briefing at the State Capitol at 12 Noon.

B. Other announcements.

There were no other announcements.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

On a point of personal privilege, President Victorino expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to serve on HSAC, as well as the knowledge acquired under the leaderships of past HSAC President Rapozo and past NACo President Hokama.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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MEL RAPOZO, Secretary
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MINUTES
HSAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
January 17, 2017
Honolulu Hale, Committee Meeting Room
530 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

I. CALL TO ORDER

The HSAC Executive Committee was called to order by HSAC President and County of Maui Councilmember Stacy Crivello at 10:10 a.m. The following members comprising a quorum were present:

County of Maui:	President Stacy Crivello, County of Maui Councilmember
County of Hawai'i:	Vice President Dru Kanuha, County of Hawai'i Councilmember
County of Kaua'i:	Secretary Mel Rapozo, County of Kaua'i Council Chair
City and County of Honolulu:	Treasurer Ron Menor (Alternate), City and County of Honolulu Council Chair
Others Present:	Alika Atay, County of Maui Councilmember Kelly T. King, County of Maui Councilmember Yuki Lei Sugimura, County of Maui Councilmember Mike White, County of Maui Council Chair Honolulu staff Brandon Mitsuda, Council Liaison, Honolulu City Council Administrative Support Services; Honolulu staff Kamakana Watanabe, Office of Council Services Honolulu staff Francisco Figueiredo, Legislative Aide, Office of Councilmember Ikaika Anderson; Honolulu staff Alan Texeira, Office of Councilmember Ikaika Anderson; County of Maui staff Kit Zulueta, Communication Director, Office of Council Services;



Maui staff Brian Bardolini, Office of
Councilmember Alikea Atay
Maui staff Lyn Ampolos, Office of Councilmember
Alikea Atay
Maui staff Trinette Furtado, Office of
Councilmember Alikea Atay
Kaua'i staff Aida Kawamura, Legislative Assistant,
Office of Council Services;
Scott Ishikawa, Becker Communications, Inc.
Michael Victorino, past HSAC President

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Secretary Rapozo moved for approval of the Agenda as circulated, seconded by Vice President Kanuha, and unanimously carried.

III. MINUTES

- A. Minutes of the December 22, 2016 HSAC Executive Committee meeting, as submitted by the HSAC Secretary.

Secretary Rapozo moved for approval of the Minutes of the December 22, 2016 HSAC Executive Committee Meeting, seconded by Vice President Kanuha, and unanimously carried.

IV. REPORTS

- A. Treasurer's Report

- 1. Treasurer's Report for December 2016.

President Crivello recommended that this matter be deferred due to the absence of Treasurer Ikaika Anderson.

There being no objections, the Treasurer's Report for December 2016 was deferred.

- B. County Reports

- 1. City and County of Honolulu Report. Treasurer Menor reported that Honolulu City Council's Public Safety & Welfare Committee



received an update on the implementation plan for moped safety checks, and an update on the Police Commission's goals and objectives. The Committee on Executive Matters reported out Resolution 16-323, naming a city entertainment venue in honor of Tom Moffat. The Committee also heard numerous resolutions with respect to the mayor's cabinet appointments. The Parks Committee discussed issues, priorities, and plans for park improvements throughout the island. The Budget Committee discussed the Honolulu Zoo Working Group Final Report, and stated its commitment towards implementing future improvements. The Committee on Transportation & Planning conducted a hearing on Bill 8, commercial activities at certain city beach parks, and received a monthly update on the Sustainable Communities Plans. The Committee on Business, Economic Development and Tourism (BET) received an update from the Mayor's Office on Economic Development, which focused on future accomplishments and goals. The BET Committee discussed critical issues affecting Waikīkī, homelessness, street vendors, traffic congestion, parking, and concerns with the tourism industry professionals, which included exploring possible solutions to ensure a better experience in Waikīkī. The BET Committee also discussed policy enforcement concerns from Honolulu Police Department, Department of Planning & Permitting, Department of Transportation Service, and the Department of Facility Maintenance. The legislative branch hosted many school children tours during the holidays, and celebrated the Council's inauguration on January 3, 2017. Treasurer Menor stated that the City Council looks forward to a very productive year and a positive and productive working relationship with HSAC.

2. County of Hawai'i Report. Vice President Kanuha reported that the Hawai'i County Council confirmed Mayor Harry Kim's cabinet appointments, except for Corporation Counsel nominee Joe Kamelamela, which will be considered at the next Council meeting. Despite recent history, the Council is considering a proposal to allow certain purchases of alcoholic beverages with the Council Chair's approval. The introducer of the bill is currently working with Corporation Counsel and others to address what is appropriate for use of county funds. Vice President Kanuha also looked forward to a great legislative session and working with the HSAC executive committee.



3. County of Kaua'i Report. Secretary Rapozo reported that the Kaua'i County Council approved a bill that allows multifamily dwellings to be constructed on properties that qualify for additional dwelling units (ADUs). In the past, only separate, detached buildings were allowed, but the costs of constructing attached multifamily dwellings are less, and this process allows for units to come on line much sooner. On Thursday, January 19, 2017, the Council's Committee of the Whole will deliberate the repeal of Ord. No. 960, which received no public participation during the public hearing process. Most recently, the Council approved a measure that allows the golf course concessionaire to sell alcoholic beverages on the course, similar to private courses. The Mayor vetoed the bill, which was laid on the table last week. Finally, county budget preparations has commenced, with the knowledge that decisions made by the Legislature will have a huge impact. Secretary Rapozo also looked forward to a successful and productive legislative session.

Regarding the upcoming HSAC Annual Conference on Kaua'i, Secretary Rapozo requested assistance for soliciting of sponsorships, door prizes, and conference attendance. The location of the conference is the Kaua'i Beach Resort, a golf tournament and welcome banquet is scheduled for Monday, and the conference meeting is on Tuesday. The format for the conference will include a general session, two breakout sessions each for the morning and afternoon, and a closing session. Secretary Rapozo is hopeful on scheduling a legislative forum as one of the sessions. He welcomed suggestions for speakers, topics, and other ideas.

Secretary Rapozo moved to approve Mel Rapozo and Aida Kawamura as signatories on the checking account for the 2017 HSAC Annual Conference to be held on Kaua'i, seconded by Vice President Kanuha, and unanimously carried.

4. County of Maui Report. President Crivello reported that Maui County Council's inauguration was held on January 2, 2017, with keynote speaker Senate President Ron Kouchi, who reaffirmed his support for all counties and the need to work together. The Council's Organizational Meeting, which began at 2 p.m., ended at 3:30 a.m. the following day. At its conclusion, the members approved Mike White as Council Chair. On Martin Luther King, Jr., Day, the Council held a public hearing, as requested by three



Councilmembers, regarding the committee assignments, which was resolved at 9 p.m. that same day. Business will begin rolling at the first council meeting scheduled for January 20, 2017.

There being no objections, the County reports were received for the record.

C. National Association of Counties (NACo) Report

There being no objections, the NACo report was deferred.

The 2017 NACo Legislative Conference is scheduled for February 25 through March 1 in Washington, D.C. The following Councilmembers are confirmed to attend: Valerie Poindexter, Karen Eoff, and Jenn Ruggles from Hawai'i County; Riki Hokama, Yuki Lei Sugimura, and Mike White from Maui County; and Honolulu staff Brandon Mitsuda. Secretary Rapozo recommended that newly elected councilmembers attend a "First Timers Orientation" to learn about NACo and the services available, many of which are free to the counties. Vice President Kanuha requested a discussion regarding setting priorities and topics for discussion with federal representatives during the NACo Legislative Conference. President Crivello noted that an agenda item for that discussion will be placed on the February HSAC meeting agenda.

The NACo Annual Meeting is scheduled for July 21-24, 2017 in Ohio. Secretary Rapozo stated the importance for HSAC (the Hawai'i delegation) to be well represented at the NACo Annual Meeting. HSAC will soon be making its endorsement of a candidate for the office of NACo Second Vice President, and the election of that seat takes place during the NACo Annual Meeting.

D. Western Interstate Region (WIR) Report

President Crivello announced that the WIR Annual Conference is scheduled for May 24-26, 2017 in Deschutes County, Sun River, Oregon. Secretary Rapozo noted his intention to attend.

There being no objections, the NACo and WIR reports were received for the record.



V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Maui County Council Resolution 17-10, adopted on January 2, 2017, appointing Stacy Helm Crivello as HSAC representative and Riki Hokama as alternate.

Secretary Rapozo moved to receive the communication for the record, seconded by Treasurer Menor, and unanimously carried.

President Crivello noted the following pending actions to solidify HSAC's board nominations: Dru Kanuha as WIR Board Member - Maui County on January 20, 2017, and both Honolulu City & County and Hawai'i County on January 25, 2017; Arryl Kaneshiro as NACo Board Member - Maui County on January 20, 2017, and Hawai'i County on February 8, 2017.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Vacancy on the Board of Advisors of the Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution

President Crivello noted that Councilmember JoAnn A. Yukimura, County of Kaua'i, declined to serve on this board. HSAC needs to fill the seat vacated by Councilmember Don Couch, Maui County. The second representative currently serving on this board is City Councilmember Brandon Elefante. Councilmembers in the audience requested information regarding the duties and purpose of this Board for a better understanding of what is involved should they decide to volunteer.

There being no objections, this matter was deferred.

- B. Discussion and consideration of hiring a Legislative Coordinator.

President Crivello noted that action on this matter was deferred at the December 22, 2016 meeting at the request of then HSAC President Michael Victorino to have the matter be considered by the new members of the HSAC Executive Committee. President Crivello requested a motion to establish a position of Legislative Coordinator, which Mr. Victorino has stated interest in serving.

Vice President Kanuha moved to approve establishing the position of Legislative Coordinator and contracting with Michael Victorino to serve as the Legislative Coordinator, seconded by Secretary Rapozo.



President Crivello reviewed the proposed budget submitted by Mr. Victorino for Legislative Coordinator services. Secretary Rapozo shared questions brought up by Kaua'i Councilmembers: 1. Will HSAC be required to file lobbyist reports if this position is established? 2. Will HSAC allow others to apply for this position? Secretary Rapozo believed it important to get feedback from fellow Councilmembers prior to making a decision on this matter. Vice President Kanuha also questioned the lobbyist aspect of the position, and stated that he would like the opportunity to discuss this issue further with Hawai'i County Council Chair Valerie Poindexter. Treasurer Menor stated his belief in Mr. Victorino's capability of doing an effective job in this position, but requested that the matter be deferred to allow Councilmember Anderson the opportunity to provide input and make a decision on this matter. President Crivello concurred with the request to defer, as well as providing an opportunity to obtain feedback from fellow Councilmembers.

Mr. Victorino understood that the concerns noted are legitimate, and stated he had no objection to Councilmembers obtaining the appropriate opinions, etc., to be comfortable with whatever decision is made. Mr. Victorino did his own research regarding the lobbyist question, and believed that the duties entail coordinating events with federal, state, and other organizations, not to lobby for HSAC issues. The legislative coordinator position allows for someone to be available on a moment's notice basis and can be present at the Legislature, as well as to meet with other groups as needed, especially during the month of April when Councilmembers have busy schedules dealing with the respective county budgets. Mr. Victorino noted that the position request is for six months, and the position will be assessed for effectiveness and need thereafter. Mr. Victorino reported that Maui Corporation Counsel informed him that there was no problem as long as the position did not perform any active lobbying. Mr. Victorino explained that this proposal for a legislative coordinator position will help keep the momentum going, using his knowledge, experience, and background.

President Crivello stated the need to define HSAC's desired objective with this position and whether others will be allowed to apply for the position. President Crivello stated that she will seek a legal interpretation regarding whether the legislative coordinator position is governed by the lobbyist laws, as well as researching the possibility of defining the position to preclude its classification as a lobbyist.



Secretary Rapozo spoke of the difficulty with trying to find a qualified, knowledgeable candidate at this point in time, especially due to the Legislature having a set timeline. Mr. Victorino possesses sufficient knowledge to perform the duties of legislative coordinator. The lobbying question creates a cloud of uncertainty. Hawai'i Revised Statutes Chapter 97 defines lobbying as "communicating directly or to an agent, or soliciting others to communicate with any official in the legislative or executive branch for the purpose of attempting to influence any legislative or administrative action or a ballot issue." It also defines who needs to register as lobbyists as "anyone that spends more than \$750 in any reporting period, or spends more than 5 hours in every month of any reporting period lobbying." Mr. Victorino confirmed the restriction on former councilmembers lobbying the county on any matter for a period of one year following departure from county service. Mr. Victorino asserted that as legislative coordinator, it allows him to work with the counties. Mr. Victorino recommended that members consider renaming the position as "HSAC Coordinator."

Secretary Rapozo moved to defer action on this matter, seconded by Vice President Kanuha, and unanimously carried.

C. 2017 State Legislative Session update and discussion on lobbying efforts.

Scott Ishikawa, Becker Communications, Inc., reported that HSAC's initial press release received coverage from *Hawai'i Tribune Herald* and *West Hawai'i Today* on the Big Island, *The Garden Island* newspaper on Kaua'i, as well as *Maui News* and *Maui Now*. During the HSAC Legislative luncheon scheduled for today, January 17, 2017, the following will be available to receive commentary from Councilmembers regarding HSAC's legislative package: Kevin Dayton of the *Star Advertiser*, Wayne Yoshioka with Hawai'i Public Radio, as well as a reporter from Channel 4 and Hawai'i News Now will also stop by for comments from Councilmembers. Members discussed strategy, priorities, and assigning a key speaker to present on certain measures included in the 2017 HSAC Legislative Package during the briefing. Secretary Rapozo stated that what was missing from the newspaper articles is the most important fact that the public needs to be aware of—that HSAC is supporting the TAT Report submitted by the Task Force established by the Legislature in 2014, but the Task Force Report was ignored by the Legislature.



Secretary Rapozo moved to approve a contract extension to May 2017 for Becker Communications, Inc. (Scott Ishikawa), seconded by Vice President Kanuha, and unanimously carried.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Scheduling of the next meeting.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 10, 2017, at 10 a.m. on O'ahu.

B. Other announcements.

Secretary Rapozo expressed his appreciation and thanks to the staff members responsible for putting together an impressive 2017 Legislative Package booklet.

Council Chair Mike White, Maui County, asked for HSAC's position on the collective bargaining raises requested by the Hawai'i Fire Fighters Association. Council Chair White mentioned that ERS (Employees Retirement System) has proposed an increase to get to full funding in 25 years. The Legislature will determine and set the rate for ERS, but it is a significant dollar increase for all the counties. This discussion is related to the TAT, because without increased revenue, sincere consideration must be given to minimize any increase in expenses.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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MEL RAPOZO, Secretary
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MINUTES
HSAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
February 10, 2017
Honolulu Hale, Committee Meeting Room
530 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

I. CALL TO ORDER

The HSAC Executive Committee was called to order by HSAC President and County of Maui Councilmember Stacy Crivello at 10:16 a.m. The following members comprising a quorum were present:

County of Maui: President Stacy Crivello,
County of Maui Councilmember

County of Hawai'i: Vice President Dru Kanuha
County of Hawai'i Councilmember

County of Kaua'i: Secretary Mel Rapozo,
County of Kaua'i Council Chair

City and County of Honolulu: Treasurer Ikaika Anderson,
City and County of Honolulu Councilmember

Others Present: Valerie Poindexter, County of Hawai'i Council
Chair

Honolulu staff Brandon Mitsuda, Council Liaison,
Honolulu City Council Administrative Support
Services;

Honolulu staff Francisco Figueiredo, Legislative
Aide, Office of Councilmember Ikaika Anderson;
County of Maui staff Kit Zulueta, Communication
Director, Office of Council Services;

Kaua'i staff Aida Kawamura, Legislative Assistant,
Office of Council Services;

Scott Ishikawa, Becker Communications, Inc.
, Charter Communications



II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Crivello requested approval to rearrange the agenda items to be able to receive testimony from Charter Communications representatives following County Reports, and to defer consideration of Michael Victorino's lobbyist proposal to the end of the agenda.

Secretary Rapozo moved for approval of the Agenda as amended, seconded by Vice President Kanuha, and unanimously carried.

III. MINUTES

- A. Minutes of the January 17, 2017, HSAC Executive Committee meeting, as submitted by the HSAC Secretary.

Secretary Rapozo moved for approval of the Minutes of the January 17, 2017, HSAC Executive Committee Meeting, seconded by Vice President Kanuha, and unanimously carried.

IV. REPORTS

- A. Treasurer's Report

- 1. Treasurer's Report for December 2016, as submitted by the HSAC Treasurer.

Secretary Rapozo moved to approve the HSAC Treasurer's Report for the Month of December 2016, seconded by Vice President Kanuha, and unanimously carried.

- B. County Reports

- 1. City and County of Honolulu Report. Treasurer Anderson reported that the City Council passed out numerous resolutions on January 25, 2017 pertaining to the Mayor's cabinet appointments. The City Council accepted a gift of funds, a memorial plaque, and placement of the memorial plaque in honor of mothers everywhere at Hanauma Bay; a resolution naming a portion of Maunaloa Bay Beach Park after Joe Lukela, who was the last konohiki of the area; a resolution naming a city entertainment venue in honor of the Late Tom Moffat; a resolution requesting the city and state administrations to collaborate on affordable workforce housing; and adopted resolution 17-29, approving HSAC's appointment of a



WIR board member. A permitted interactive group was established to investigate funding options for the Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project (Rail Project) with state, city, and federal officials. Members include Treasurer Anderson, Council Chair Ron Menor, Councilmember Joey Manahan, and Councilmember Kimberly Pine. Finally, Honolulu's legislative branch is conducting its annual support effort of the Hawai'i Food Bank.

2. County of Hawai'i Report. Vice President Kanuha reported that the Hawai'i County Council approved the nomination of Kaua'i County Councilmember Arryl Kaneshiro as a member of the NACo Board of Directors. The Hawai'i County Council forwarded a resolution to the legislature requesting funding options and assistance for invasive species control on Hawai'i island due to the fire ant infestation and possible containment/eradication efforts, because of the disastrous effects it has on environment, economy, agriculture, and the people. Hawai'i County is also requesting assistance with the rapid Ohia death. The Ohia forest makes up 90% of forest lands on Hawai'i Island. Biologists have identified these fungi as two new species that have never been documented, which has made it more difficult to determine the proper protocol to stop the spread of the disease.
3. County of Kaua'i Report. Secretary Rapozo reported that Kaua'i is addressing a threat of coffee beetles because of plants imported by Home Depot that bypassed the mandatory inspection process. Secretary Rapozo stated that the venue for the 2017 HSAC Annual Conference will be the Kōloa Landing Resort in Po'ipū. Room rates are \$199 per night with resort fees waived, which price is good for three days pre and post conference dates. A golf tournament is scheduled for Monday, June 19, 2017, at a site to be determined later. The welcome reception is scheduled for the evening of June 19, 2017, following by the conference on Tuesday, June 20, 2017. Secretary Rapozo welcomed and encouraged members to take advantage of the pre-conference room rate, and depending on interest, activities may be coordinated for Saturday and Sunday. Secretary Rapozo also requested assistance for obtaining sponsorships for the conference.
4. County of Maui Report. President Crivello reported that due to ocean currents, the Land Use Committee meeting on Lāna'i have been canceled. Moloka'i is working on its community update plan.



The pressure is to finish, so that other Maui districts are able to work on their community plans. Maui's Northshore greenway bike path, after 20 years, is on its final phase. Maui is also researching implementation of rescue tubes at unmanned beaches, similar to Kaua'i County. President Crivello also noted concern with affordable housing, specifically in Lahaina, where developments have come in, obtained income tax credits, and using the IRS loophole are able to sell the development after 15 years and/or tenants are faced with paying market rates.

There being no objections, the foregoing County Reports were received for the record.

Charter Communications. Secretary Rapozo reported that Charter Communications recently purchased Oceanic Cable, and he met with representatives who are concerned with legislation being considered by the Legislature that will affect county home rule.

Carl Caliboso, representing Charter Communications (Charter), recently acquired Time Warner Cable nationally and its local subsidiaries that provide cable TV service and broadband internet throughout the State. Mr. Caliboso stated that some of the measures are labeled as "providing streamlined permitting" or "exemptions from permitting" for the installation of small cell wireless facilities and devices. Of particular concern are HB 624, HD1, relating to the installation of infrastructure, and HB 625, HD1, relating to infrastructure, SB 760 and SB 1201, which are similar. All bills have passed initial committees and are being sent to the second committees as amended. As currently proposed, these measures raise uneven playing field concerns for Charter. Charter believes that everyone located in the rights-of-way should be treated the same. Proponents claim that the proposed rules actually level the playing field for wireless broadband technologies, but wireless broadband technologies do not have the same obligations that are imposed on cable operations that provide broadband to occupy the right-of-way. The proposed legislation will allow unfranchised entities to circumvent the right-of-way authorization process, bypassing procedures and safeguards applicable to cable operators. Charter's obligations are to obtain a cable television franchise which is fully vetted and regulated by the state Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, which is the local franchising authority for cable TV. Charter pays 5% of their revenue for occupancy and use of the right-of-way, which amounts to millions of dollars over the course of a year. As part of the franchise, Charter provides capital support for public education and government access facilities, some other fee services and other valuable benefits to occupy the right-of-way, which are not imposed on the wireless carriers.



HB 624 provides for an expedited process and exemptions from county permitting requirements, which apply to not just the antenna, but a wide range of wires and equipment associated with the antenna. Proponents of the bills are trying to make it appear that this is just installing an antenna on a utility pole, but it involves the building of a fully ubiquitous network of wires, facilities, and equipment strung out throughout the right-of-way in between poles and on all sorts of municipal structures, such as streetlights. The definition of a small wireless facility includes all other wireless or wire line equipment associated with the structure. A small wireless facilities network means a collection of interrelated, small wireless or wire line facilities designed to deliver wireless communication services. This entire network of equipment, cables, and other related services would be exempt from county permitting requirements, state permitting requirements, and even some PUC rules and regulations regarding pole replacement. Act 151, which was passed in 2011, details the exemptions in place for the installation of broadband technology services and broadband facilities. The proposed measures would greatly expand the exemptions from state and county permitting requirements to wireless facilities, which further diminish the counties' regulatory authority over the occupancy and use of the rights-of-way. DCCA provided testimony stating serious concerns with HB 624 and strongly recommended against its approval. Mr. Caliboso stated that the regulatory exemptions may have been appropriate when permits and approvals had already been granted, but not necessarily for the addition of new infrastructure and even new technologies which have not been dealt with yet.

HB 625 requires the counties to permit co-location of small wireless facilities or small wireless facilities networks on county structures, county utility poles, and county light standards under limited conditions. For example, in agricultural or rural areas, counties are not allowed to impose any special or conditional use permits when the facilities are to be located in the rights-of-way or agricultural or rural districts. This allows wireless carriers to gain far broader access to the rights-of-way, which will be exempt from county permitting requirements. Proponents of this measure have contended that without these provisions, companies will be forced to make their investments elsewhere to be able to install 5G capabilities. Truth is that competition and demand drives investment, not rights-of-way policy. These measures also do not establish any obligation on the part of these companies to build these facilities in rural areas. They will build where it is most dense, because the greater return on investment is where the need is. There is no promise that wireless broadband access will be expanded into rural areas.



Mr. Caliboso asked that the counties review the proposed measures, which are unfair to cable TV providers, and more importantly, diminish county regulatory authority over these types of installations.

HB 624 HD1 and HB 625 HD1 are moving to the second committee for hearing. SB 760 and SB 1201 were heard and are moving to the second committee for hearing also. The amended senate drafts are not available for review at this time.

Council Chair Valerie Poindexter, Hawai'i County, stated that good broadband connection for healthcare services is not available in the rural areas on Hawai'i island. She believed that these measures would be beneficial for the people, especially because of the desperate need for TeleMed services in rural communities. Mr. Caliboso agreed with the importance of Council Chair Poindexter's concern. He clarified that the reference to small cell wireless is not a reference to smaller wireless companies, such as Verizon, AT&T, T-Mobile, etc. Small cell wireless means smaller infrastructure which are attached to poles. The opportunity to install small cell wireless by providing exemptions from permitting authority does not include any obligation to build in rural areas. Council Chair Poindexter suggested a possible amendment that includes the obligation to build in rural communities with great health care needs if no broadband services are available. President Crivello noted that it would be advantageous for counties to have input to be able to condition the permits to provide services. Secretary Rapozo added that these measures require the counties to allow co-location of any small cell wireless and exempts them from any county permitting processes.

Members expressed appreciation to Charter Communications for bringing this matter to their attention.

C. National Association of Counties (NACo) Report

Treasurer Anderson reviewed his 2016 NACo Fall Board of Directors and Rural Action Caucus Meetings report dated December 11, 2016, a copy of which is attached to the Agenda.

Treasurer Anderson moved for approval of the report, seconded by Vice President Kanuha, and unanimously carried.

President Crivello noted that 16 Hawai'i representatives will be attending the 2017 NACo Legislative Conference. Meetings with Senator Mazie Hirono and Representative Colleen Hanabusa have been scheduled for February 27, 2017, and with Senator Brian Schatz on



March 1, 2017. A meeting with Representative Tulsi Gabbard has not been confirmed. President Crivello added that topics of discussion need to be submitted prior to the scheduled meetings.

President Crivello noted that Councilmember Riki Hokama, Maui County, recommended that because of the large contingent attending from Hawai'i, members should consider scheduling an evening together.

Treasurer Anderson moved to approved expenses for an HSAC Fellowship Dinner for the Hawai'i delegation in Washington, D.C., seconded by Vice President Kanuha, and unanimously carried.

D. Western Interstate Region (WIR) Report

There was no WIR report.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Maui County Council Resolution 17-12, adopted on January 20, 2017, approving the nomination of Arryl Kaneshiro to the NACo Board of Directors and Dru Kanuha to the WIR Board of Directors.

Secretary Rapozo moved to receive the communication for the record, seconded by Vice President Kanuha, and unanimously carried.

- B. Honolulu City Council Resolution 17-29 adopted on January 25, 2017, approving the nomination of Dru Kanuha to the WIR Board of Directors.

Secretary Rapozo moved to receive the communication for the record, seconded by Vice President Kanuha, and unanimously carried.

- C. Hawai'i County Council Resolution 46-17, adopted on January 25, 2017, approving the nomination of Dru Kanuha to the WIR Board of Directors.

Secretary Rapozo moved to receive the communication for the record, seconded by Vice President Kanuha, and unanimously carried.

- D. Discussion and consideration of proposed HSAC bylaw amendment submitted by Secretary Mel Rapozo, to clarify the officers' rotation schedule and procedure.

Secretary Rapozo stated that a conflict was created in the HSAC Bylaws when the officer rotation schedule was established. The proposed



amendment will clarify the procedure for setting officers following the rotation schedule.

Treasurer Anderson noted that the reason behind setting a rotation schedule was for fairness to each county and providing each an opportunity to serve in each Board of Director position, and that there would not be a rapid changeover once a member is no longer serving as a councilmember.

Secretary Rapozo stated that with the rotation, there is no opportunity to deviate should a member be unwilling to serve in the officer position.

Vice President Kanuha stated concern with unseasoned members fulfilling the duties required of officers, but also realized it is incumbent on the councils to nominate appropriate members.

Secretary Rapozo moved to amend item 2, Section 5 of the Bylaws, seconded by Treasurer Anderson, and unanimously carried.

- E. Discussion and consideration of proposed HSAC bylaw amendment submitted by President Stacy Crivello, to allow members of the Executive Committee to travel and attend the WIR Conference.

President Crivello stated that the Executive Committee is allowed to attend the two NACo conferences, but she felt that members should be given a third option to attend the WIR conference as the second travel expense.

Treasurer Anderson moved to amend item 3, Section 21 of the Bylaws, seconded by Vice President Kanuha, and unanimously carried.

- F. Approving the nomination of Councilmember Yuki Lei Sugimura to the Board of Advisors of the Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution.

Secretary Rapozo moved to approve the nomination as submitted, seconded by Treasurer Anderson, and unanimously carried.

- G. Discussion on HSAC's operations capacity and resources.

President Crivello requested discussion on HSAC's operations capacity and resources, taking the following points into consideration:

- 1) Changing leadership in July 2017;



- 2) Providing opportunities for each county to be familiarized with leadership roles;
- 3) Transition also brings about risk of inconsistencies in operations.

Secretary Rapozo concurred with the need to discuss this matter. He asked what course the membership wanted to take. President Crivello stated that consistency is important, especially with HSAC's finances. President Crivello stated that it is important to recognize whether each county has the capacity (staff) to fulfill the role of any HSAC officer. Secretary Rapozo agreed, and believed that the Executive Committee members are capable of formulating a slate of officers. Vice President Kanuha stated his disagreement with a rotation schedule.

Secretary Rapozo moved to reconsider the vote on amending Bylaw Section 5 (Agenda item V., D.), seconded by Vice President Kanuha, and unanimously carried.

Secretary Rapozo withdrew his motion to amend Bylaw Section 5. Vice President Kanuha withdrew his second to the motion. There were no objections.

Further discussion regarding Bylaw Section 5 was deferred until the March 2017 Executive Committee meeting.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. 2017 State Legislative Session update and discussion on lobbying efforts.

Kit Zulueta, Maui County staff, reported that out of the 10 bills included in the Hawai'i State Association of Counties Legislative Package, 8 have been heard. Of the 8, 3 are moving forward, which are: 1) relating to government records (public agency meetings), 2) relating to emergency medical services (ambulances), and 3) tort liability. The tort liability measure included in the HSAC Legislative Package was not heard, but a similar bill, SB 562, passed. The 4 bills deferred are: 1) important ag lands, 2) collective bargaining, 3) sunshine law committee meetings, and 4) disability cards. The drone bill will be heard and decided on February 22, 2017. A similar collective bargaining bill, SB 332, is being heard. The TAT and uncontested traffic infraction bills have not been heard. Other TAT proposals being heard are SB 1290 and HB 1586.



Scott Ishikawa, Becker Communications, thanked the members for their efforts on working with the media prior to opening of the legislative session. HSAC started with 13 media opportunities, and details of 11 are attached to the agenda. Two were interviews starring Secretary Rapozo and Maui Council Chair Mike White. As part of the communications plan, the op-ed would have been unveiled before the session, but the pre-media coverage was sufficient. Mr. Ishikawa noted that taking into consideration the information regarding the new TAT proposals, HSAC's op-ed will need to be revised, and requested direction regarding timing for submitting the op-ed. President Crivello stated that reacting to the Legislature's action on a TAT measure is too late. It is important that constituents be educated on this matter, and HSAC needs to be proactive. Secretary Rapozo believed it important for the op-ed to be published soon, and include information regarding the Legislature's latest proposal to phase out TAT to the counties in three years.

Members discussed coordinating grassroots and Union support for the February 14, 2017 hearing on HB 1586.

Secretary Rapozo moved to approve moving forward with publishing the op-ed, to include HSAC's displeasure with HB 1586 and its ramifications to the counties, and follow-up with a press conference, seconded by Vice President Kanuha, and unanimously carried.

Members requested that, where possible, all four HSAC officers be signatory to the op-ed. Secretary Rapozo noted the importance of getting the op-ed published before the 14th. Mr. Ishikawa requested that an HSAC Executive Committee member be available on or prior to the 14th for a media interview.

V. H. Discussion and consideration of hiring a lobbyist for the 2017 State Legislative session.

President Crivello stated that because of recent developments at the Legislature, it may be ideal to contract with Michael Victorino as a lobbyist for the remainder of the legislative session.

President Crivello noted that she will confirm with Mr. Victorino whether the rate proposed is inclusive of costs, such as airfare, etc. Members discussed the Duties and Responsibilities as proposed by Mr. Victorino. Items 7 and 8 will be deleted, an item that states "Other duties as directed by the HSAC Executive Committee" will be added, and Item 2 will be re-worded to clarify "encourage and coordinate support of HSAC



by unions, etc.” Members expressed the importance of providing clear direction regarding Mr. Victorino’s duties and responsibilities. Treasurer Anderson added that an amendment to HSAC’s budget is necessary to fund this contract using the HSAC Promotions line item.

Secretary Rapozo moved to approve retention of Michael Victorino as HSAC Lobbyist, beginning as soon as possible in February through May when the Legislature adjourns, at a cost of \$5,250, pending a signed contract between HSAC and Michael Victorino, seconded by Treasurer Anderson, and unanimously carried.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Scheduling of the next meeting.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 17, 2017, at 10 a.m. on O’ahu.

B. Other announcements.

There were no other announcements.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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MEL RAPOZO, Secretary
Hawai'i State Association of Counties

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MINUTES
HSAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
March 17, 2017
Mission Memorial Hearings Room
550 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

I. CALL TO ORDER

The HSAC Executive Committee was called to order by HSAC President and County of Maui Councilmember Stacy Crivello at 10:27 a.m. The following members comprising a quorum were present:

County of Maui:	President Stacy Crivello, County of Maui Councilmember
County of Hawai'i:	Vice President Dru Kanuha County of Hawai'i Councilmember
County of Kaua'i:	Secretary Mel Rapozo, County of Kaua'i Council Chair
City and County of Honolulu:	Treasurer Ikaika Anderson, City and County of Honolulu Councilmember
Others Present:	Honolulu staff Brandon Mitsuda, Council Liaison, Honolulu City Council Administrative Support Services; Honolulu staff Francisco Figueiredo, Legislative Aide, Office of Councilmember Ikaika Anderson; County of Maui staff Kit Zulueta, Communication Director, Office of Council Services; Kaua'i staff Aida Kawamura, Legislative Assistant, Office of Council Services; Scott Ishikawa, Becker Communications, Inc. Michael Victorino, HSAC Lobbyist



II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Secretary Rapozo moved for approval of the Agenda as circulated, seconded by Vice President Kanuha, and unanimously carried.

President Crivello requested that the Lobbyist report and Legislative Session update be entertained next to accommodate the presence of HSAC Lobbyist Michael P. Victorino and Scott Ishikawa from Becker Communications.

There were no objections to taking these items out of order.

V. D. Report from HSAC Lobbyist Michael P. Victorino on legislative updates

HSAC Lobbyist Victorino thanked the members for their vote of confidence, and stated that he will work hard to accomplish HSAC's goals. Mr. Victorino's February 2017 Legislative Report is attached hereto (Mr. Victorino noted that this report is missing a page). Because this is his first report, he asked for input from members on what information they would like included in future reports.

Mr. Victorino stated that his report focuses on Transient Accommodations Tax (TAT) and Tort Liability issues, although other issues were discussed with various Representatives. He added that he also met with Senator Kidani, Senator Harimoto, Representative DeCoite, and Senator Gabbard. Mr. Victorino reviewed the information provided in his report.

Mr. Victorino noted that the pesticides issue was brought up, and he informed them that it was not an HSAC issue. He did, however, say that he personally opposed the measure.

Mr. Victorino asked for direction on HSAC's priority – to keep pursuing a fair share of TAT and making the tort liability permanent. Secretary Rapozo stated concern over statements made by Representative Tokioka regarding the TAT, as well as the article printed in *The Garden Island* newspaper.

VI. A. 2017 State Legislative Session update and discussion on lobbying efforts.

Scott Ishikawa, Becker Communications, provided an update on media coverage (see attachment hereto). Mr. Ishikawa reported that HSAC's op-ed appeared in all four newspapers, and that getting HSAC's position out into the public was



successful. Members of the media now seek input from HSAC on issues related to the HSAC legislative package. Mr. Ishikawa requested direction on HSAC's main focus moving forward, given the recent forecast by the Council on Revenues, President Trump's proposed budget, and Lobbyist Victorino's report.

Secretary Rapozo noted that it is ridiculous that the tort liability will not be made permanent, but it has been extended another four years. HSAC can work towards making the tort liability permanent during this extended period. On Kaua'i, the Executive Director of the Kaua'i Chamber of Commerce strongly urged members at a recent quarterly meeting to support HSAC's position for the counties getting a fair share of the TAT by contacting their legislative representatives. There is finally traction for businesses supporting HSAC's position. Treasurer Anderson added that the Visitor Industry realized revenues of \$550 million in January, according to some reports. We can only guess what this translates to in transient accommodations tax revenues and general excise tax revenues that came into the State. Mr. Victorino stated that part of that discussion was O'ahu's lack of focus on collecting from the Bed and Breakfasts, transient vacation rentals, etc. During the Air BnB bill hearing, it was noted that \$26 million to \$28 million is uncollected each and every year just for O'ahu. Secretary Rapozo noted that O'ahu is the easy target and gets hammered because of the rail situation. Funding sources are a statewide concern, and somehow, the legislature continues to ignore the fact that State and County constituents are the same people.

Mr. Ishikawa requested direction on submitting another op-ed based on TAT and tort liability, as an update. A draft op-ed will be transmitted for review by the members prior to sending it to the newspapers. Mr. Victorino asked whether he should pursue making the tort liability permanent if the House will be reconsidering the measure. Vice President Kanuha had no problem with pursuing making the tort liability permanent, if that is the direction of all the members. Honolulu Staff Brandon Mitsuda recommended that the op-ed include information regarding the amount collected for TAT, especially because the tourism numbers are up, where the moneys are distributed, and the fair share amount of the TAT that the counties should be getting.

Members acknowledged that the media services provided by Mr. Ishikawa has proven valuable and has created a lot of public awareness and education.



III. MINUTES

- A. Minutes of the February 10, 2017, HSAC Executive Committee meeting, as submitted by the HSAC Secretary.

Secretary Rapozo moved for approval of the Minutes of the February 10, 2017, HSAC Executive Committee Meeting, seconded by Vice President Kanuha, and unanimously carried.

IV. REPORTS

- A. Treasurer's Report

- 1. Treasurer's Report for January 2017, as submitted by the HSAC Treasurer.

Secretary Rapozo moved to approve the HSAC Treasurer's Report for the Month of January 2017, seconded by Vice President Kanuha, and unanimously carried.

- B. County Reports

- 1. City and County of Honolulu Report. Treasurer Anderson reported that Honolulu City Council passed out numerous Resolutions dealing with Mayor Caldwell's cabinet appointments, as well as Bill 3, CD1, which eliminates the cap on transportation surcharge that was enacted last year. The Honolulu City Council also passed on second reading Bill 57, CD1, which adopted the revised Koolau Poko Sustainable Community Plan, and Bill 2, CD1, which amends the Fire Code of the City & County of Honolulu, which allows for fresh-cut Christmas trees to be a part of the annual Honolulu City Lights Christmas Celebration. The existing building ordinance requires that any public building without sprinklers can house only false Christmas trees. Bill 2, CD1, will be heard next week and will hopefully be passed on third reading. The Honolulu City Council also passed on third reading Bill 64, CD1, which relates to motor vehicle registration, and Bill 69, CD1, relating to automated external defibrillators (AED), which requires that buildings have AEDs available for public use. The Honolulu City Council adopted Resolution 17-22, which urged the State to address the homeless



encampment under the H-1 Freeway in Kāhala, Resolution 17-26, urging the expeditious replacement of six shower trees removed from the Halemaumau Street area in Niu Valley, as well as several resolutions pertaining to neighborhood transit-oriented development plans and other land use initiatives. The Honolulu City Council is currently collecting food for the annual support effort of the Hawai'i Food Bank, and participated in the 2017 Honolulu Festival, which included the Honolulu Festival Parade and the Nagaoka Fireworks Display for Peace on March 12, 2017.

2. County of Hawai'i Report. Vice President Kanuha reported that the Styrofoam measure (polystyrene ban) passed and will move on to the full Council where an ad hoc committee has been created for additional review. The Hawai'i County Administration opposed the Styrofoam measure because of its fiscal challenges when implementing the law. Mayor Kim recently canceled a composting contract that had been in operation for 7-8 months. This has resulted in a lawsuit being filed against the County. Mayor Kim also issued a new contract that is pending approval by the Council. Hawai'i newspapers reported that Mayor Kim hired lobbyists in excess of \$16,000 a month to lobby in behalf of Hawai'i County. Hawai'i County Council is expecting a briefing on this matter.
3. County of Kaua'i Report. Secretary Rapozo reported that Kaua'i County faces a similar situation that deals with problems with a recyclables contract. The volume of material to be processed included in the contract was way less than the actual volume being delivered to the vendor. The vendor was unable to handle the amount of materials being delivered to the recycling center, and the County is working towards a solution to this issue.

Secretary Rapozo reported that the venue for the 2017 HSAC Annual Conference has been selected. The conference will take place at the Kōloa Land Resort at Po'ipū. Room rates start at \$199, and the resort fee of \$32 will be waived. The tentative program includes an agriculture panel, a millennial panel, a legislative panel, and a medical marijuana panel. A golf tournament is scheduled for Monday, June 19, 2017 at either the Kiahuna Golf Club or Po'ipū Bay, with the welcome reception at the Kōloa Landing Resort at Po'ipū in the evening. Sam Choy is the Food and



Beverage consultant for Kōloa Landing Resort. Secretary Rapozo noted that he is looking into coordinating a couple of tours on Sunday, June 18, for conferees who arrive a day early.

4. County of Maui Report. President Crivello reported that Mayor Arakawa makes the newspaper headlines on Maui. His most controversial proposal is the closure of the public Waiehu Golf Course. Mayor Arakawa's comments that on rocks not being sacred during the recent Wailuku River flooding also made newspaper headlines. As far as legislation, Representative McKelvey and Senator Baker are working on the issue surrounding the Front Street Apartments at the Legislature. Maui County is comprised of nine districts, each with a community plans. Maui County's General Plan is complete, Lānai's is complete, Moloka'i is going through the process now. Mayor Arakawa is scheduled to present his proposed County budgets to the Council on March 24, 2017, and the Council will engage the community by visiting each district to gather comments regarding the budget.

There being no objections, the foregoing County Reports were received for the record.

C. National Association of Counties (NACo) Report

Treasurer Anderson reported that the HSAC delegation met with Hawai'i's Congressional Team in Washington, D.C., and was able to share with them some of the various requests from the counties. Treasurer Anderson also attended the NACo Board of Directors Forum and the NACo Board of Directors meeting. At the meeting with Senator Hirono, Treasurer Anderson asked for assistance with Honolulu's rail project, and requested that Senator Hirono, along with Senator Schatz, work with the Federal Transit Administration to ensure that the annual allotted funding for the rail continues. Treasurer Anderson noted that a written report with more detail will be submitted to Council Chair Ron Menor and HSAC next month.

Secretary Rapozo requested follow-up on the status of steering committee applications submitted in June 2016 by Kaua'i's Councilmembers.



D. Western Interstate Region (WIR) Report

Vice President Kanuha reviewed his report dated March 13, 2017, which is attached hereto. WIR feels that President Trump will scale back a lot of initiatives, which will have a positive impact on the western states, such as with the Endangered Species Act. The upcoming WIR Conference will be in Deschutes, Oregon on May 19, 2017, and Vice President Kanuha noted the importance of having HSAC representation at these conferences. WIR Immediate Past President Gordon Cruikshank introduced amendments to the WIR Bylaws, and Commission Cruikshank was elected to represent WIR on the NACo Executive Board.

Vice President Kanuha reported that he received the Presidential Appointment to the NACo Board of Directors. Secretary Rapozo noted that because of timing, Vice President Kanuha should serve in both capacities, HSAC's representative on WIR and the Presidential Appointee at NACo, until new nominations are made for the upcoming term, which will be considered at the June 19, 2017 HSAC General Membership Meeting.

There being no objections, the NACo Report and the WIR Report were received for the record.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Hawai'i County Council Resolution 58-17, adopted on February 8, 2017, approving the nomination of Arryl Kaneshiro to the NACo Board of Directors.

Secretary Rapozo moved to receive the communication for the record, seconded by Treasurer Anderson, and unanimously carried.

- B. Consideration of a bylaw amendment proposed by President Stacy Crivello, relating to HSAC Executive Committee officers.

Secretary Rapozo moved to approve the amendment to the HSAC Bylaws, seconded by Treasurer Anderson.



President Crivello asked if members were in agreement with her proposed amendment. She noted that each council must finalize their respective appointments to HSAC by April 15.

Secretary Rapozo asked for clarification that the four appointees will be recommending the slate of officers, because Kauai's appointee will not take office until July 1. Further, Secretary Rapozo noted that a consensus was made at the previous meeting to continue with the rotation schedule for the upcoming term beginning July 1, 2017, with the presidency being held by Hawai'i County. President Crivello concurred with Secretary Rapozo's recollection. Vice President Kanuha agreed with the present rotation of officers occurring on July 1, 2017, and eliminating the rotation of officers thereafter.

The motion to amend the Bylaws was then put, and unanimously carried. President Crivello stated that this amendment will be presented to the General Membership for confirmation on June 19, 2017.

- C. Consideration of HSAC Fiscal Year 2018 Annual Operating Budget as submitted by Treasurer Ikaika Anderson.

Treasurer Anderson reviewed the proposed Fiscal Year 2018 Annual Operating Budget.

Honolulu staff Francisco Figueiredo explained the Prescription Drug Promotion line item. While attending the NACo conference, Mr. Figueiredo spoke with Linda Langston, who is the NACo Promotions person dealing with the prescription drug program. Ms. Langston reported an update to the program that results in an increased reimbursement of three cents; each county will get an additional three cents reimbursement when the program is utilized. Ms. Langston also informed that public service announcements are available on the web for counties to utilize to inform constituents of this program. Mr. Figueiredo explained that this prescription drug program helps with additional expenses not covered by a person's own prescription drug insurance. Secretary Rapozo added that this program covers pet medication as well.

Treasurer Anderson noted a correction to the FY2018 proposed budget for the Prescription Drug Promotion line item from \$4,000 to \$6,400. There were no objections to the amendment.



Secretary Rapozo moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2018 Annual Operating Budget, as amended, seconded by Vice President Kanuha, and unanimously carried.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Scheduling of the next meeting.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 25, 2017, at 10 a.m. on O'ahu.

B. Other announcements.

There were no other announcements.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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MEL RAPOZO, Secretary
Hawai'i State Association of Counties

HAWAII STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

FEBRUARY 2017 Legislative Report

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

Accompanied HSAC President Stacy Crivello to the State Legislature for initial hearings on HB1586. Removing the Transient Accommodation Tax over the next three (3) years and replacing it with a version of revenue from income tax.

Also lobbied for support of SB 1290 which would give the Counties 45% of their share after expenses were deducted. HSAC supported this bill.

HSAC also supported SB 562, tort reform giving our Lifeguards immunity for their actions while performing their duties.

Friday, February 24, 2017

Attended meeting with Speaker of the House Joseph Souki regarding HB 1586. After some discussion, House Speaker Souki believed that HB1586 would be killed before going for a floor vote.

Also requested support from House Speaker Souki with SB 1290. He agreed to assist on the Bill if it crossed over from the Senate.

Speaker Souki and I discussed the importance of SB 562 which would make a permanent provision in the Tort Bill giving immunity to our Ocean Safety Officers in their line of duty.

We also discussed the financial outlook for the State of Hawaii. The possibilities of changes to the Federal allocations for the new fiscal year.

Met with Representative Richard Onishi, Chairman for the Tourism Committee to request his assistance in deferring or killing HB 1586.

During our discussion he related that the nine (9) income classifications had been reduced to four (4) income classifications.

On the same day, I met with House Representative Ryan Yamane and asked for his support to defer or kill HB 1586.

Monday, February 27, 2017

Met at 10:30 am. With House of Representative Justin Woodson, Chairman for Higher Education. After a lengthy meeting, he agreed to help defer or kill HB 1586.

Met with Senator Karl Rhodes and asked for support for SB 562. Senator Rhodes agreed to help.

Met with Attorney Robert Toyofuku to ask for his support for SB 562. He indicated the Trial Attorneys still opposed making SB 562 permanent and would support making another extension.

I moved on to attend the Public Hearing on SB 1290. After waiting two and a half hours, gave public testimony in favor of SB1290, unfortunately Jill Tokuda, Chairperson of the Senate Ways and Means Committee announced that the Counties would now receive \$ 108,000,000.00 instead of \$ 103,000,000.00. The Committee approved the Chairs recommendation.

Tuesday, February 28, 2017

At 9:40 am. Met with Representative Thomas Brower on the importance of deferring or killing HB 1586. He agreed to killing the bill.

I also requested Representative Brower's support on HB 314. He agreed to support our position. I further asked Representative Brower to support HB 315, and he concurred.

I met with Senator Kalani English who was the introducer of SB 562. We discussed the likelihood of that bill passing and he believed that it probably would not, in its present form. We discussed SB 456 and SB 1290. Senator believed that SB 456 would not pass and that there was a good possibility that SB 1290 in its present form would not pass, but would be amended.

We discussed SB 1051 for which he had no opposition to. He indicated that when the bills cross over from the Senate to the House, many bills may be revised.

At approximately 11:30 a.m., I met with Senator Ken Ito regarding SB 1290. He agreed to support HSAC's position and also to support SB 943.

Senator Ito said he would support SB 1051, but opposed SB 456.

Attended public hearings the rest of the afternoon.

At 4:00 pm., I met with Speaker Souki and we had a conversation on the relevance of SB 1290 and HB 1471 relating to the Transient Accommodation Tax. He indicated that the House would kill HB 1586, but would support SB 1290.

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HSAC Media Coverage (February-March 2017)

HSAC op-ed: "Counties disappointed in proposal to remove their TAT share"

West Hawaii Today (February 19, 2017)

<http://www.westhawaii.com/opinion/columns/counties-disappointed-proposal-remove-their-tat-share>

Garden Island (February 19, 2017)

http://thegardenisland.com/lifestyles/opinion/counties-disappointed-in-plan-to-remove-their-tat-share/article_81df64e8-91a7-50c0-a2ed-147f31a47b6e.html

Maui News (February 21, 2017)

<http://www.mauinews.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/2017/02/counties-disappointed-in-proposal-to-remove-their-hotel-tax-share/>

Honolulu Star-Advertiser (February 26, 2017)

<http://www.staradvertiser.com/2017/02/26/editorial/island-voices/counties-oppose-removal-of-tat-share/>

Other Media Coverage

Hawaii News Now (February 14, 2017)

Proposal: Cut counties out of 'room tax' revenues

<http://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/story/34505144/proposal-cut-counties-out-of-room-tax-revenues>

Maui News (February 15, 2017)

House bill would phase out counties' share of hotel tax

<http://www.mauinews.com/news/local-news/2017/02/house-bill-would-phase-out-counties-share-of-hotel-tax/>

Maui News (February 16, 2017)

A confusing, misguided bill (Editorial)

<http://www.mauinews.com/opinion/editorial/2017/02/a-confusing-misguided-bill/>

Hawaii Tribune-Herald (February 16, 2017)

Counties could lose hotel subsidy: House bill that cuts income taxes advances

<http://www.hawaiitribune-herald.com/news/local-news/counties-could-lose-hotel-subsidy-house-bill-cuts-income-taxes-advances>

Hawaii News Now (February 17, 2017)

Law that protects Hawaii lifeguards from liability proves controversial

<http://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/story/34535877/law-that-protects-hawaii-lifeguards-from-liability-proves-controversial>

The Garden Island (February 19, 2017)

Bill would phase out county TAT money in 3 years

http://thegardenisland.com/news/local/bill-would-phase-out-county-tat-money-in-years/article_e6e35380-09e9-5bbe-9fa3-2b7064f958c2.html

Maui News (February 19, 2017)

State wants to keep TAT at expense of counties (Mike White column)

<http://www.mauinews.com/opinion/columns/2017/02/state-wants-to-keep-tat-at-expense-of-counties/>

Hawaii Tribune-Herald (February 21, 2017)

Lawmakers weigh options for 'hotel tax'

<http://www.hawaiitribune-herald.com/news/local-news/lawmakers-weigh-options-hotel-tax>

The Garden Island (February 24, 2017)

On lifeguards, Ke'e Beach and saving lives (Op-ed)

http://thegardenisland.com/news/opinion/guest/on-lifeguards-ke-e-beach-and-saving-lives/article_1a9737d2-fe66-5021-8208-2e7f6656d168.html

Maui News (February 26, 2017)

Community support is critical in moving state bills (Mike White column)

<http://www.mauinews.com/opinion/columns/2017/02/community-support-is-critical-in-moving-state-bills/>

The Garden Island (March 4, 2017)

Proposed bill to take away TAT allocation denied

http://thegardenisland.com/news/local/proposed-bill-to-take-away-tat-allocation-denied/article_622d8308-45cc-5390-ae6b-f1683e5856fc.html

Maui News (March 12, 2017)

Council Prepares for Fiscal Year '18 Budget Session

<http://www.mauinews.com/opinion/columns/2017/03/council-prepares-for-fiscal-year-18-budget-session/>

The Garden Island (March 13, 2017)

Senate passes TAT bill

http://thegardenisland.com/news/local/senate-passes-tat-bill/article_38201f5d-d793-5305-acb0-7d2bd5b5e2c3.html

March 13, 2017

TO: Hawai'i State Association of Counties Executive Committee

FROM: Dru Kanuha
Hawai'i county Councilmember and WIR Board Member

SUBJECT: **REPORT ON THE WESTERN INTERSTATE REGION ("WIR")
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AT THE 2017 NACo CONFERENCE**

I attended the Western Interstate Region Board of Directors meeting held at the 2017 NACo Legislative Conference on February 26, 2017. Several speakers provided updates and presented on various topics that impact the western states.

Jordan Smith with the National Endangered Species Act Reform Coalition (NESARC), of which WIR is a dues paying member, provided an update to the board on the recent activities of the Coalition, its legislative efforts, and regulatory initiatives.

John Vecchione, Acting President and CEO of Cause Action Institute shared with the board the institute's recent activities impacting the western United States.

Craig Fleener with the office of the Governor of Alaska shared how artic issues in the Artic region have a direct impact on the western United States.

NACo Associate Legislative Director *Chris Marklund* provided an update on WIR's recent advocacy activities and the financial assets of the Western Interstate Region.

Commissioner *Tammy Baney* from Deschutes County, Oregon said a few words of welcome in advance of the 2017 WIR Conference. *Lauren Miller* with NACo's events team presented the proposals for hosting the 2018 and 2019 WIR conferences for board consideration.

Commissioner *Gordon Cruickshank*, WIR Immediate Past President facilitated continued discussion of WIR bylaws amendments which were proposed by the bylaws revision committee.

At the meeting, the Western Interstate Region Board of Directors also voted commissioner Cruickshank to be its representative to the NACo Executive Board.

U.S. ENDANGERED SPECIES, MAY 2015

ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES LISTINGS, MAY 2015

1,560

POPULATION, 2014 **318,857,056**

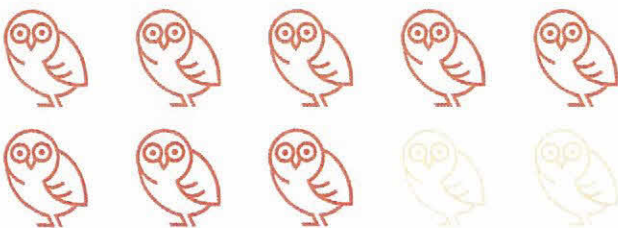
ENDANGERED SPECIES LISTINGS, 2015 **1,210**

THREATENED SPECIES LISTINGS, 2015 **354**

NEW LISTINGS OF ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES, 2004-2015 **312**

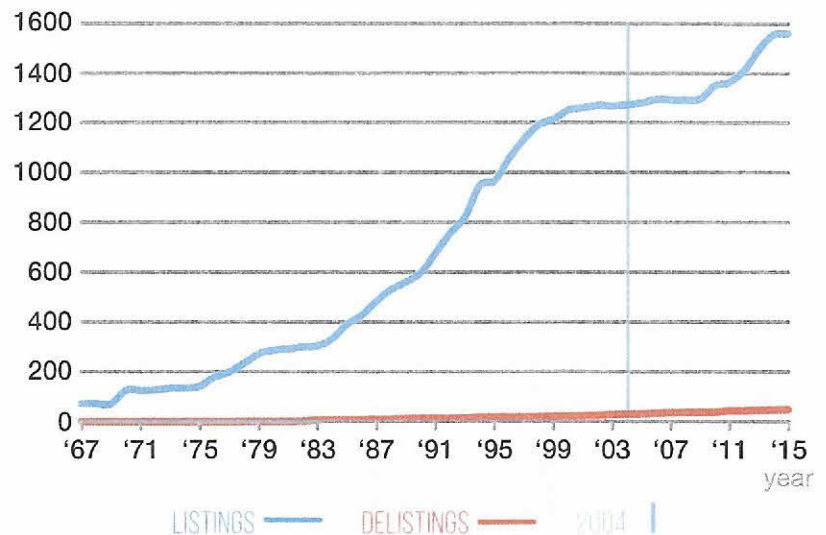
DELISTINGS OF ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES, 2004-2015 **22**

81% of counties have at least one species newly listed as Endangered or Threatened since 2004.



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DEFINITION OF TERMS: (Data Source: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, as of May 2015)

The Number of Endangered and Threatened Species includes species classified as Endangered, Threatened and Threatened due to Similarity of Appearance. Because the status of some species differ by U.S. region, the number of Endangered and Threatened Species does not equal the sum of Endangered Species and Threatened Species. **Endangered:** Species in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range. **Threatened:** Species likely to become endangered within the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of its range. NACo analysis considered experimental non-essential populations of endangered species as "threatened", because FWS treats them as threatened species on public land. **Threatened due to Similarity of Appearance:** Species not biologically endangered or threatened, but considered "threatened" due to similarity of appearance with another species with "threatened" status.

KEY ISSUES OF THE WESTERN INTERSTATE REGION of the National Association of Counties



SINCE 1978, the Western Interstate Region (WIR) has worked within NACo to promote the interests of Western counties, sustain the Western quality of life and advocate for multiple use and sustained yield on public lands, community stability and economic development issues facing counties in the WIR's 15 member states.

In furtherance of the policies and resolutions adopted by NACo, the WIR Board of Directors has identified the following advocacy priorities for 2017, in no particular order:

STRENGTHEN LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE:

Successful communities are built on strong infrastructure. WIR supports initiatives to strengthen local infrastructure in the West by promoting local decision making in infrastructure investments, prioritizing investments to modernize and improve infrastructure safety, including critical local utilities and energy infrastructure. As technology generates new economic opportunities for communities in the West, WIR also supports policies that expand local access to, promote investment in and development of a modern, high-speed communications infrastructure in Western communities.

MAINTAIN ACCESS TO WESTERN LANDS AND RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT OF WESTERN RESOURCES:

Responsible development and improved access to Western lands and natural resources is critical to Western economies and maintaining the Western quality of life. WIR supports policies that promote multiple use and sustained yield of natural resources in the West as a means of promoting community economic growth, job creation and the long-term viability of Western communities. WIR encourages the development of policies that seek to sustainably and responsibly manage activities on Western public lands in the least restrictive manner possible, in support of the greatest number of recreational, historic and productive uses and in consultation with local governments and stakeholders.

ENSURE CERTAINTY IN FEDERAL COUNTY PAYMENTS:

Counties provide critical services to their residents and public lands visitors alike. WIR supports extending full, predictable and mandatory funding for the Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program, which compensates counties for the services they

provide on tax-exempt public lands within their boundaries. WIR further supports legislative efforts to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools (SRS) program, which provides bridge payments to counties to compensate for significant declines in federal revenue sharing within the National Forest System.

PROMOTE SAFE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES:

Counties invest billions of dollars to deliver public health, fire safety, law enforcement, criminal justice services and other public health and safety services each year. WIR supports policies that strengthen public health and well-being by maintaining and enhancing local healthcare systems, preserving the federal-state-local partnership for Medicaid and promoting access to medical and behavioral healthcare for those in need. WIR supports policies that protect public safety through intergovernmental partnerships and a comprehensive approach to addressing public safety challenges. Planning, resource sharing and mutual support is critical to addressing law enforcement and crime prevention issues facing Western counties.

ADVOCATE FOR LOCAL CONTROL AND STRENGTHEN THE FEDERAL PARTNERSHIP:

Western county officials have a responsibility to provide local leadership and seek community-based solutions to strengthen their counties. WIR supports a strong federal-county partnership that encourages and gives great deference to county input in federal decision making. WIR opposes policies that restrict county policy making responsibility and the influence of county governance and planning, impose unfunded mandates, or unduly burden community economic development and opportunity.

Western Interstate Region
Consolidated

Statement of Activity through December 31, 2016

	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Actual	2016 Budget	2016 Budget v. Actual	2017 Budget
Revenue						
Dues	\$ 95,888	\$ 95,888	\$ 95,888	\$ 95,888	\$ -	\$ 95,888
Conferences	112,945	140,215	161,540	137,462	24,078	155,500
Sponsors	12,000	12,000	22,000	12,000	10,000	15,000
Total Revenue	220,833	248,103	279,428	245,350	34,078	266,388
Expenses						
Conferences, Meetings & Travel	69,345	113,609	121,469	101,350	20,119	121,100
Marketing/Printing & Prod	12,987	18,616	18,965	18,800	165	12,550
Salaries & Benefits	55,412	63,541	89,834	79,200	10,634	81,433
Misc Office Exp & Overhead	59,824	70,283	105,380	78,310	27,070	82,129
Total Expenses	197,568	266,049	335,648	277,660	57,988	297,212
NI/(NL)	\$ 23,265	\$(17,946)	\$ (56,220)	\$ (32,310)	\$ (23,910)	\$(30,824)

WIR: Operations Detail

Statement of Activity through December 31, 2016

	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Actual	2016 Budget	2016 Budget v. Actual	2017 Budget
Revenue						
Membership Dues	\$ 95,888	\$ 95,888	\$ 95,888	\$ 95,888	\$ -	\$ 95,888
Expenses						
Salaries	26,944	34,074	43,704	40,110	\$ 3,594	41,313
Benefits (ALLOC)	8,915	11,154	13,036	13,161	(124)	13,633
Reproduction	1,495	151	32	200	(168)	50
Printing_Production	-	66	56		56	-
USPS_Express Mail & Handling Fee	312	409	113	100	13	50
General Supplies	-	17	41		41	-
Bank, Credit Card Fees	405	190	256	200	56	200
Telephone_Fax_Cell & Other Comm	15	-	-		-	
Staff Travel (Travel, Hotel)	1,287	4,470	4,619	3,000	1,619	5,000
Business Meals	-	153	575	300	275	300
Business Entertain	-	226	395	200	195	200
WIR President Travel	-	-	2,301	5,000	(2,699)	6,000
VIP & Committee Tvl (not exec)	-	1,616	1,352	1,000	352	-
C&M-Comp Registration (interco)	645	-	-		-	-
C&M-Equipment Rental_AV	2,751	4,231	4,786	3,000	1,786	5,000
C&M-Speaker Fees & Travel	-	235	204		204	-
C&M-Registration Costs		212	-		-	-
C&M-Reception_Banquets	368	1,744	6,660	2,500	4,160	2,500
C&M-Entertainment	225	-	-		-	-
C&M-F&B Other	2,246	5,346	2,285	3,000	(715)	5,200
C&M-Misc. Other	242	-	-	250	(250)	-
Plaques, Recognitions, Gifts	92	434	543	300	243	300
Miscellaneous	-	3	165		165	300
MIS Support (ALLOC)	1,418	2,440	2,253	2,103	151	2,100
WEB_On-Line Svc (ALLOC)	489	847	777	725	52	725
Rent Allocation	4,389	7,778	7,252	6,706	545	7,500
Overhead (ALLOC)	27,668	36,007	44,313	37,808	6,505	38,942
Total Member Expenses	79,904	111,803	135,718	119,662	16,055	129,313
Net Income/Loss from Member Operations	\$ 15,984	\$ (15,915)	\$ (39,830)	\$ (23,774)	\$ (16,055)	\$ (33,425)

WIR Conference Detail

Statement of Activity through December 31, 2016

	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Actual	2016 Budget	2016 Budget v. Actual	2017 Budget
Revenue						
Registration	\$ 115,180	\$ 145,615	\$ 170,985	\$ 141,460	\$ 29,525	\$ 160,000
Registration Refunds	(4,600)	(6,820)	(10,305)	(5,498)	(4,807)	(6,000)
Comp Registrations (Interco)	2,365	1,420	860	1,500	(640)	1,500
Sponsors General	12,000	12,000	22,000	12,000	10,000	15,000
Total Revenue	124,945	152,215	183,540	149,462	34,078	170,500
Expenses						
Salaries	14,872	13,705	25,273	19,551	5,722	19,915
Ben: Benefits (ALLOC)	4,681	4,608	7,821	6,378	1,443	6,572
Mkt -Ad Placements (Interco)	5,207	4,461	7,512	4,500	3,012	2,000
Mkt-Sponsorships	-	-	10,000	-	10,000	-
Mkt-Printing_Production	1,520	1,175	-	1,600	(1,600)	-
Mkt-Postage Handling & Mail Fee	1,564	1,925	1,689	2,000	(311)	2,000
Reproduction Internal	3,202	10,838	6,153	10,500	(4,347)	8,500
USPS_Express Mail & Handling Fee	30	43	586	250	336	250
General Supplies	-	361	140	140	140	250
Bank, Credit Card Fees	3,164	2,929	3,672	3,000	672	3,000
Telephone_Fax_Cell & Other Comm	103	10	4	100	(96)	60
Office Maintenance	36	47	44	-	44	-
Staff Travel (Travel,Hotel)	2,496	4,125	5,571	2,870	2,701	4,000
Business Meals	-	-	272	300	(28)	600
Business Entertain	246	44	80	-	80	100
C&M-Space Rent, Set Up, Dec.	5,791	-	12,015	11,650	365	5,000
C&M-Registration Costs (all)	1,993	3,270	2,284	3,215	(931)	4,500
C&M-Signs	1,234	1,779	1,700	2,000	(300)	2,000
C&M-Equipment Rental_AV	19,610	29,795	16,165	16,100	65	26,000
C&M-Speaker Fees & Travel	3,500	3,509	2,867	5,000	(2,133)	10,000
C&M-Reception_Banquets	21,054	43,947	47,266	32,700	14,566	36,250
C&M-Entertainment	-	-	155	-	155	-
C&M-F&B Other	1,469	1,909	3,955	2,909	1,046	3,000
C&M-F&B Staff	1,651	1,849	2,505	2,956	(451)	1,700
C&M-Shipping	2,447	4,717	3,457	2,600	857	2,800
C&M-Misc. Other	-	-	-	500	(500)	650
Insurance	907	467	1,223	1,000	223	1,230
Miscellaneous	156	52	273	-	273	300
Rent (ALLOC)	3,865	3,606	5,979	5,550	429	6,000
MIS Support (ALLOC)	1,103	1,117	1,827	1,740	87	1,800
WEB_On-Line Svc (ALLOC)	381	385	630	600	30	650
Overhead (ALLOC)	15,382	13,574	28,813	18,429	10,385	18,772
Total Conference Expenses	117,664	154,247	199,930	157,998	41,932	167,899
Net Income / Loss from Conference Operations	\$ 7,281	\$ (2,032)	\$ (16,390)	\$ (8,536)	\$ (7,854)	\$ 2,601

Public Lands Trust
Statement of Activity through September 30, 2016

	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Actual	2016 Budget	2017 Budget
Representation - Wildland Fire Leadership Council	\$ 1,496	\$ 2,502	\$ 508	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,500
PILT Fly-in Travel Reimbursement (up to \$400 each)	4,769	1,200	1,600	3,000	3,200
PILT Fly-in Hotel rooms	13,597	2,490	3,344	5,000	4,000
PILT Fly-in Catering	5,086	2,334	2,668	2,000	2,800
NESARC dues	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Contribution (WGA)					5,000
Other expenses	78	416	409	2,000	2,000
	\$ 30,026	\$ 13,942	\$ 13,529	\$ 18,500	\$ 24,500
Trust Fund Balance - January 1			\$ 50,499	\$ 50,499	\$ 62,103
Add: Member Assessments			24,500	24,500	12,897
Add: Interest income			633	950	950
Less: Actual/Budgeted Expenses			(13,529)	(18,500)	(24,500)
Projected Fund Balance - September 30			\$ 62,103	\$ 57,449	\$ 51,450
Assessment needed to bring balance to \$75,000			\$ 12,897	\$ 17,551	\$ 23,550

Hawai'i State Association of Counties (HSAC)

Counties of Kaua'i, Maui, Hawai'i and City & County of Honolulu

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MINUTES
HSAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
April 24, 2017
Honolulu Hale, Committee Meeting Room
530 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

I. CALL TO ORDER

The HSAC Executive Committee was called to order by HSAC President and County of Maui Councilmember Stacy Crivello at 10:32 a.m. The following members comprising a quorum were present:

County of Maui:	President Stacy Crivello, County of Maui Councilmember
County of Hawai'i:	Vice President Dru Kanuha County of Hawai'i Councilmember
County of Kaua'i:	Secretary Mel Rapozo, County of Kaua'i Council Chair
City and County of Honolulu:	Treasurer Ikaika Anderson, City and County of Honolulu Councilmember
Others Present:	JoAnn A. Yukimura, County of Kaua'i Councilmember Honolulu staff Brandon Mitsuda, Council Liaison, Honolulu City Council Administrative Support Services; Honolulu staff Alan Texeira, Office of Councilmember Ikaika Anderson; Honolulu staff Kamakana Watanabe, Office of Council Services; County of Maui staff Kit Zulueta, Communication Director, Office of Council Services; Kaua'i staff Aida Kawamura, Legislative Assistant, Office of Council Services; Scott Ishikawa, Becker Communications, Inc., Charter Communications Michael P. Victorino, HSAC Lobbyist



II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Crivello requested approval to amend the agenda by moving item J. under New Business to item A. under Old Business, and renumbering VI. A. as VI. B.

Vice President Kanuha moved for approval of the Agenda as amended, seconded by Secretary Rapozo, and unanimously carried.

There being no objections, item V. A. was taken out of order, to conduct a conference call with Linda Langston, Director of Strategic Relations, National Association of Counties, relating to updates on NACo's Prescription Drug Program. (Ms. Langston was noted present via telephone conference at 10:33 a.m.)

Ms. Langston reported that all of Hawai'i's counties are signed up to participate in NACo's Prescription Drug Card Program (Rx program). The vendor of the program is CVS Caremark, and the contract with CVS will be extended through 2020. Even in the changing landscape with the Affordable Care Act (ACA), NACo's Rx program is still a great opportunity for people who do not have insurance to be able to get a good discount on their prescription drugs. The RX program card is used primarily for uninsured residents, for prescription drugs not covered under a resident's plan or by Medicare Part D, for prescription drugs that require a very high deductible, as well as for prescriptions for pets. Ms. Langston stated that generally, 9 out of 10 pharmacies accept this card, and NACo continues to build its relationship with the pharmacies on this program. Generally, the average savings realized by a participant is between 24% to 50% on a prescription, whether generic or brand name. Another value beyond the Rx program is that residents have the opportunity to sign up for dental care and medical services care, which are not covered by ACA. There is a nominal cost to participate in these programs, depending on whether it is for an individual or for a family. The family plan costs \$69 per year, compared with the cost of just one dental visit. Ms. Langston stated that one-third of Americans lack dental and vision coverage, so this is a great way to get some discounted services that does not tie someone to a regular insurance program. Vision care, hearing aids, diagnostic imaging, and diabetic supplies are covered under the medical services care plan. There are no annual limits, no claims to file, no waiting period; there is no "open enrollment period," and plan flexibility allows people to move in and out of the program as necessary, with monthly or annual payments. Ms. Langston explained the CVS/Caremark marketing fee which allows a county to recoup a dollar per prescription if CVS/Caremark is the lowest available price, which happens in a number of circumstances. Some counties are concerned that residents might perceive participating in this marketing as a bad thing and have declined to participate, and the money just goes back to CVS/Caremark. Ms. Langston noted that her county chose to pay the marketing fee, and they chose to direct any moneys coming in from that program to be used for veterans homeless services. Ms. Langston stated that NACo's TV and radio ads will be provided for the counties to utilize.



President Crivello noted that she resides on a very rural island where pharmacies are operated in the old mom-and-pop store fashion, and how would someone know if they accept the Rx program card. Ms. Langston stated that generally, most pharmacies accept the card. She said that pharmacies can participate in this network by going through and completing certain steps via the internet. NACo has found that although many pharmacies offer other discount programs, such as for veterans or for senior citizens, that oftentimes those persons benefit from NACo's Rx program regardless of other available offers. Additional information and resources are available on NACo's website at www.nacohealth.org.

Secretary Rapozo requested information regarding the dental program. Ms. Langston stated that the dental program would cover cleaning and other typical dental services, and that if major dental work is required, the person should work with the dental provider on what discounts are available. NACo has found that the lack of dental care is oftentimes the root of many medical problems.

President Crivello thanked Ms. Langston for her time and the information provided.

There being no objections, the updates regarding legislative lobbying were taken up next.

Michael P. Victorino, HSAC Lobbyist, submitted a "March 2017 Legislative Report," update, a copy of which is attached hereto. Mr. Victorino stated that at the end of March, he was very optimistic that measures supported by HSAC were moving along steadily. Came April, all hell broke loose and efforts have gone south fast. Mr. Victorino was unsure what happened, but positive statements hinged on the outcome of other matters. Mr. Victorino stated that "it is a mess" right now.

Mr. Victorino reviewed the measures included in the HSAC Legislative Package. The only measure alive is the public records bill, HB 308.

Regarding the Transient Accommodations Tax (TAT) bill, Mr. Victorino stated that the House Tourism Committee recommended the counties' allocation at \$93 million. The hope is that the allocation is increased to \$108 million, but the feedback is that it will not happen, especially due to the recent Hawai'i State Teachers Association negotiated salary increases, and the forthcoming Hawai'i Government Employees Association agreement. Mr. Victorino added that no funding mechanism bills are alive as well.

SB 478, Relating to Government Records, which is a Maui County Council package item, is scheduled for conference committee. Kit Zulueta, Maui County staff, reported that the measure limits the kinds of records to be distributed among the Councilmembers. Maui County's concern is that amendments to SB 478 would prohibit documents created by an officer or employee of the county council, which includes legislation. Maui County is in agreement with other provisions in SB 478.



Scott Ishikawa, Becker Communications, Inc., thanked everyone for their teamwork during the April 12, 2017 press conference regarding the tort liability bill, which was a big success. Members did a great job from a media standpoint –it was passionate, but not too aggressive. The quote of the day and picked up by the media was by Secretary Rapozo: “Who stands to gain the most out of this? What do the counties stand to gain from this? What does the public stand to gain from this?” Following the press conference, *Star Advertiser* printed an editorial, as well as *Civil Beat* published their editorial. Mr. Ishikawa noted that a Letter to the Editor (from Bruce Black) was printed in today’s issue of the *Star Advertiser* after reading the editorial regarding lifeguards’ liability protections lapsing. The tort liability matter is now on the media’s radar, and they will continue to track its movement. The TAT (transient accommodations tax) matter is in conference committee today, but is competing for media presence with Vice President Mike Pence’s visit on O’ahu. *Hawai’i Civil Beat* and *Hawai’i Public Radio* may send representatives to the State Capitol for comments regarding the TAT. In discussions with HSAC Lobbyist Victorino, it was noted that Kevin Dayton, political reporter for the *Star Advertiser*, was informed by persons “behind the scenes” that the TAT matter would not be decided at today’s conference meeting because legislators are awaiting numbers from HGEA to figure out the State budget.

Mr. Ishikawa stated disappointment that legislators did not schedule any hearing on the ambulance bill. TAT and tort liability are important issues, but for senior citizens, a new ambulance would have greater impact. He suggested that the end of session recap, or op-ed, be about any successes and HSAC’s wish list, which includes the ambulance measure. Mr. Ishikawa added that HSAC should consider working closely with AARP and other senior organizations on these types of legislation.

President Crivello and Secretary Rapozo stated frustration that Union leaders are not showing support on legislation affecting their members, because of fear that the Legislature will not fund their negotiated pay increases. The public needs to be educated on issues and know that the counties are working hard to secure necessary funding, but the counties are not getting what is deserved.

Treasurer Anderson made note that HSAC’s legislative package bills were introduced by request by the Senate President and Speaker. Two similar bills, one of which was the beach liability, were introduced by Senator Kalani English without the “by request” label, and the bills are still moving along. Treasurer Anderson expressed appreciation for Senator English’s courage for introducing these bills, and requested that other members also express their appreciation to Senator English.

III. MINUTES

- A. Minutes of the March 17, 2017, HSAC Executive Committee meeting, as submitted by the HSAC Secretary.



Treasurer Anderson moved for approval of the Minutes of the March 17, 2017, HSAC Executive Committee Meeting, seconded by Secretary Rapozo, and unanimously carried.

IV. REPORTS

A. Treasurer's Report

1. Treasurer's Reports for February and March 2017, as submitted by the HSAC Treasurer.

Secretary Rapozo moved to approve the HSAC Treasurer's Report for the Months of February and March 2017, seconded by Vice President Kanuha, and unanimously carried.

B. County Reports

1. City and County of Honolulu Report. Treasurer Anderson reported on Honolulu City Council's activities (see attached memorandum dated April 24, 2017).
2. County of Hawai'i Report. Vice President Kanuha reported that the Hawai'i County Council completed budget reviews, the mayor's supplemental budget is due on May 5, and depending on the Legislature's decision on several issues, the Council may be faced with raising taxes. The Mayor, because of pressure by the Council, rescinded his cancellation of the composting contract and is currently renegotiating the contract terms. The Council has also been actively lobbying the Legislature on measures affecting Hawai'i County.
3. County of Kaua'i Report. Secretary Rapozo reported that Kaua'i is also done with budget reviews and awaiting the mayor's May 8 supplemental budget. There is a proposed 19 cents across-the-board real property tax increase, but similar to neighbor island counties, decisions by the Legislature will affect the final budget. Regarding the upcoming Annual Conference on Kaua'i, Secretary Rapozo reported that a Legislative Panel is scheduled, but there have been no response to fill the panel speakers. He requested recommendations to replace this panel, if necessary. NACo President Brian Desloge has confirmed attendance at the annual conference.

JoAnn A. Yukimura, Kaua'i County Councilmember, talked about the importance of providing opportunity during the HSAC annual conferences to discuss and exchange ideas for the HSAC Legislative Package when all counties are present to provide information



regarding their county proposals. Councilmember Yukimura expressed appreciation for the response she received to her questions regarding the proposed HSAC fiscal year budget, and requested that the response be distributed to each County Council for their information.

President Crivello noted a request that Kauaʻi County consider including a session to discuss real property tax and the constitutional convention, which was last held in the 1970s, during the upcoming HSAC Annual Conference in June. Secretary Rapozo recalled a discussion with Maui Councilmember Riki Hokama regarding this matter, and asking for his assistance to formulate this panel. Secretary Rapozo stated that this real property tax panel could fill in if the Legislative Panel is canceled.

4. County of Maui Report. President Crivello reported that similar to other counties, Maui is also considering its annual budget. Mayor Arakawa has made the news again, because of his request to close the only municipal golf course on the island. Maui is also dealing with the recent Rat Lungworm scare, and President Crivello noted that some businesses have experienced a 50% drop in sales. The State Director of the State Department of Agriculture mentioned that the San Francisco couple contracted the Rat Lungworm virus after drinking a kale smoothie purchased along the roadside, and apparently, the organic farmer making the kale smoothie did not clean the ingredients adequately. The Wailuku Post Office audit was finally released, there are matters regarding biofuel, sunflower fields, and a drought in upcountry Maui.

Vice President Kanuha noted that the Rat Lungworm virus has been present on the Big Island for years now, and the County has been trying to work with the Legislature to address the problem. Now that it is present on Maui, Rat Lungworm has made the news and is causing a scare statewide. Vice President Kanuha stated that his aunt actually died from rat lungworm virus, and the autopsy indicated that it was the cause of her death.

Mr. Victorino mentioned that the Democratic Party Chairs on the Big Island and Maui are anti-GMO leaders, apparently because no other candidates came forth.

There being no objections, the foregoing County Reports were received for the record.



C. National Association of Counties (NACo) Report

Treasurer Anderson stated that he will be attending the NACo annual conference scheduled for July 2017 in Columbus, Ohio, but is unable to attend the NACo board meeting during the WIR Conference in Oregon.

There being no objections, the NACo Report was received for the record.

D. Western Interstate Region (WIR) Report

Vice President Kanuha noted that the WIR Annual Conference is scheduled for May 24-26, 2017 in Oregon. He will be in attendance, along with Kaua'i Councilmember Arryl Kaneshiro, Maui Council Chair Mike White, and Hawai'i Councilmember Tim Richards. President Crivello noted interest in attending this WIR Annual Conference. It was noted that HSAC does have a contingency budget for the President to be able to attend the WIR Annual Conference in Oregon.

There being no objections, the WIR report was received for the record.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Conference call with Linda Langston, Director of Strategic Relations, National Association of Counties, relating to updates on NACo's Prescription Drug Program.

Treasurer Anderson moved to receive the information for the record, seconded by Vice President Kanuha, and unanimously carried.

B. Kaua'i County Council Resolution 2017-26, adopted on March 22, 2017, appointing Derek S.K. Kawakami as HSAC representative and Ross Kagawa as alternate to the Executive Committee, and approving Arryl Kaneshiro to serve on the NACo Board of Directors for fiscal year 2018.

Treasurer Anderson moved to receive the communication for the record, seconded by Vice President Kanuha, and unanimously carried.

C. Hawai'i County Council Resolution 132-17, adopted on April 5, 2017, appointing Dru Kanuha as HSAC representative and Valerie Poindexter as alternate, and approving Dru Kanuha on the WIR Board of Directors for fiscal year 2018.

Treasurer Anderson moved to receive the communication for the record, seconded by Vice President Kanuha, and unanimously carried.

D. Hawai'i County Council Resolution 133-17, adopted on April 5, 2017, approving HSAC's annual budget for fiscal year 2018.



Treasurer Anderson moved to receive the communication for the record, seconded by Vice President Kanuha, and unanimously carried.

- E. Maui County Council Resolution 17-66, adopted on April 7, 2017, appointing Stacy Crivello as HSAC representative and Riki Hokama as alternate, and approving the annual budget for fiscal year 2018.

Treasurer Anderson moved to receive the communication for the record, seconded by Vice President Kanuha, and unanimously carried.

- F. Correspondence from U.S. Senator Mazie Hirono, relating to a draft resolution for consideration regarding potential cuts to federally funded Native Hawaiian programs and to strengthen these programs.

Secretary Rapozo stated that he will forward this resolution to the County Attorney for review prior to HSAC taking any action.

There being no objections, the communication was deferred pending receipt of a County Attorney's opinion.

- G. Nominations to NACo and WIR Board of Directors for fiscal year 2018.

President Crivello stated that the following nominations to NACo and WIR for fiscal year 2018 has been presented:

NACo: Arryl Kaneshiro, County of Kaua'i
Ikaika Anderson, City & County of Honolulu

WIR: Mike White, County of Maui
Dru Kanuha, County of Hawai'i

Treasurer Anderson moved for approval of the foregoing nominations, seconded by Vice President Kanuha, and unanimously carried.

Secretary Rapozo confirmed the nominations for fiscal year 2018. Discussion ensued regarding Hawai'i receiving a Presidential Appointment to NACo for fiscal year 2018, to continue Hawai'i's representation which is currently being served by Vice President Kanuha. Secretary Rapozo requested consideration that HSAC support putting his name forward for a Presidential Appointment for fiscal year 2018. Vice President Kanuha concurred with the request, because he did not feel it appropriate to serve in both positions simultaneously as a WIR director and a NACo Presidential Appointee. Vice President Kanuha noted that hopefully Maui Councilmember Riki Hokama can assist by starting the discussion with current First Vice President Roy



Brooks. President Crivello stated that she will follow-up and discuss the presidential appointment with Councilmember Hokama.

H. Discussion on HSAC's slate of officers for fiscal year 2018.

President Crivello noted that the Executive Committee has approved an amendment to the Bylaws, which will be presented to the General Membership for concurrence on June 19, 2017. This amendment removes the officers' rotation schedule. President Crivello requested discussion regarding the fiscal year 2018 slate of officers that will be presented to the General Membership for approval on June 19, 2017. Vice President Kanuha was amenable to a nominating process that considered each county's ability to serve. Treasurer Anderson stated a willingness to continue serving as Treasurer, or as Secretary if necessary. President Crivello agreed to serve as Secretary, and asked whether Vice President Kanuha will have sufficient staff assistance to serve as President. Vice President Kanuha believed that Hawai'i County Chair Poindexter would approve a budget for staff for the purpose of serving as HSAC President.

President:	Dru Kanuha (Hawai'i County)
Vice President:	Derek S.K. Kawakami (Kaua'i County)
Secretary:	Stacy Crivello (Maui County)
Treasurer:	Ikaika Anderson (City & County of Honolulu)

There being no objections, the foregoing slate of officers was approved and will be presented to the General Membership for approval at the Annual Conference on June 19, 2017.

I. Consideration of Senate Bills 686 and 683, relating to a constitutional amendment to establish a surcharge on residential investment property and visitor accommodations for public education.

President Crivello noted that both measures are dead, so no further work is needed.

There being no objections, the communication was received for the record.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Report from HSAC Lobbyist Michael P. Victorino on legislative updates

There being no objections, the report was received for the record.

B. 2017 State Legislative Session update and discussion on lobbying efforts.

There being no objections, the update was received for the record.



VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Scheduling of the next meeting.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9, 2017, at 10:45 a.m. on O'ahu.

B. Other announcements.

There were no other announcements.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mel Rapozo".

MEL RAPOZO, Secretary
Hawai'i State Association of Counties

March 2017 Legislative Report

Arrived at the State Capital at 9:10am due to weather problems and shut down of Honolulu Airport for 35 minutes, delaying my 7:11am flight to arrive at 8:30 am

March 1, 2017 at 9:20am-attended the Judiciary and Labor Committee which SB 562 was being discussed and the committee agrees to extend the sunset was set for the year 2021. They seemed to appease the Trial Attorney's.

10:15am met with JLC -Vice Chair Rhoads he explained their decision was based on review the HRS and the desire to change or make it permanent.

10:50am met with Senator Mercado-Kim she confirmed the it was to appease the Trial Attorneys and they were going to see what the House if any amendments would be offered to the bill itself.

11:15am Stop by Senator English Office. Set an appointment with him at 1:00 pm.

11:30am return to Speaker Souki Office Emailed the HSAC Presidents staff of the amended version of the SB 562.

1:00 pm Met with Senator English. He express that he was disappointed with change and would continue to monitor the Bill. More work would be done with the House Committee Judiciary. Will meet with JUD Committee Chair Nishimoto as soon as possible.

1:30 pm Stop by Isaac Choy office to schedule an appointment on the TAT. To my surprise he was able to meet with me. I explained HSAC position and our request. He was Ok with our proposal; however he stated that many were waiting for the Council on Revenues report due out in the middle of March.

2:15 pm I received a called from Justin Woodson Office. Was asked to meet with Rep. Woodson on the TAT proposal. He was supportive and would do his best to assist the Counties to get as much as possible. He to mentioned the COR report as a possible change in the Proposal (HSAC position) and what the Finance and his Committee Tourism maybe be looking at.

3:00 pm Met with Rep. Nakamura. We had a good discussion on the TAT. She was very supportive. A commintment was given to me on this matter.

Departed the Capitol at 3:35 to the airport to get out on an earlier flight. Weather was a factor and causing delays.

March 2017 Legislative Report

March 7, 2017 arrived at State Capitol at 9:15 am

10:05am met with Rep. Tokioka on SB 562 and SB 1290. We talked about the pass and that way this year these major bills were heading. He stated that we would need to see what the COR projections for the upcoming Quarter.

10:30am met with Senator Inouye on SB 562 and SB 1290 and there impotence to the Counties. She seems to be in tune with their impact to the counties. Would assist as much as possible.

11:05am Stop by Senator Harimoto Office. Set an appointment with him on March 10, 2017 at 10:00 am.

11:20am return to Speaker Souki Office. Made calls to make appointments with Senators Kidani, Senator Baker, and Rep. McKelvey. Confirmed McKelvey and Baker for the 10th of March.

12:00 pm Met with Senator President Kouchi. We had frank discussion on the COR, TAT, and the Tort Liability. He feels that there will be possible movement all of these areas.

1:00 pm Stop by Rep Ito office to schedule an appointment on the TAT. They asked me to return at 2:15 pm. And he would be able to meet with me. I explained HSAC position and our request. He was Ok with our proposal; however he stated that many were waiting for the Council on Revenues report due out in the middle of March.

2:15 pm I went Rep. Woodson Office. Was asked to meet with Rep. Woodson on the TAT Proposal (HSAC position) and what his view on House Committee Tourism maybe be looking at.

2:50 pm Met with Rep. Ward. We had a good discussion on the TAT. He was very supportive. However no commitment was given to me on this matter.

3:20 pm Met with Ing asking for his support for the HSAC Package. Explained the very important proposal from the package.

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9:30am met with Senator W&M Chair Tokuda on SB 1290 and there impotence to the Counties. She seems to be in tune with their impact to the counties. She would propose a slightly higher amount. No numbers were discussed.

10:05am Stop by Senator Galuteira Office. Set an appointment with him on March 17, 2017 at 10:00 am.

11:00am to Senator Harimoto. Discussed the 2 main Bills SB 562 and SB 1290. As a former council member he remembers the importance of TAT. He would support the HSAC package.

1:00 pm Stop by Rep McKelvey office for an appointment on the TAT and Tort Liability. I explained HSAC position and our request. He was Ok with our proposal; however he stated that many were waiting for the Council on Revenues report due out in the middle of March.

2:15 pm I went Rep. Woodson Office. Was asked to meet with Rep. Woodson on the TAT Proposal (HSAC position) and what his view on House Committee Tourism maybe be looking at.

2:50 pm Met with Rep Yamashita. We had a good discussion on the TAT. He explained his proposal. We left with an understanding of what we requesting. However no commitment was given to me on this matter.

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4:00 to Speaker Souki Office to update my day activities.

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March 2017 Legislative Report

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9:00am met with HSAC President Crivello and Staff at Zippys to update and prepare for HSAC Executive Meeting.

10:20 Attended the HSAC Executive Meeting and updated the board. Good discussion

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3:15 pm I went Rep. Woodson Office. Was asked to meet with Rep. Woodson on the TAT Proposal (HSAC position) and what his view on House Committee Tourism maybe be looking at. Was able to explain our package. Looked good the House version would die.

3:50 pm Met with Rep Yamashita. We had a good discussion on the TAT. He explained his proposal. We left with an understanding of what we requesting and their version, why the different option's. However no commitment was given to me on this matter.

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5:00 to Speaker Soukl Office to update my day activities.

Departed the Capitol at 6:00 to the alrport.

March 2017 Legislative Report

March 21, 2017 arrived at State Capitol at 8:45 am

9:05am Attend hearing with the Tourism Committee. SB 1290 SB 1-HB-1 was amended. The appropriation put in by the Senate of 108 million was change to 93 million and an additional 2 million would give to help with Homelessness.

10:30 am. Met with TOU Chair Onishi to get an explanation on his reasoning for the change. He claimed that he was preparing to House for the shortfall that the COR had reported the week before. Long exchange ensued and He was fix on their proposal.

11:35am Met with Senator Galuteira Office. Had a frank discussion on the HSAC Package especially on SB 562 and SB 1290 which he co-sponsored. He felt that the COR report, the Presidents (Federal) Proposed budget had change what they may support.

1:00are to Senator Baker. Discussed the 2 main Bills SB 562 and SB 1290. She remembers the importance of TAT. She would support the HSAC package, however a wait and see position taken.

1:30 pm informed President Crivello Staff of the major change and suggested a conference call. Waiting for the final Committee Report on Friday March 24th.

2:30pm Met with Senate President Kouchi and he believed the senate would support the 108 million appropriation, the other bills , his history on Tort Bill (SB562), and other changes.

4:00 to Speaker Souki Office to update my day activities.

Departed the Capitol at 5:00 to the airport.

March 2017 Legislative Report

March 30, 2017 arrived at State Capitol at 9:45 am

10:30am Met with Vice Speaker Mizuno on SB 1290 and the proposal offered by the house TOU Committee. He assured me that he supported the HSAC position. Will continue to work with the members of that committee.

11:00 attended various hearing at the capitol.

1:00 to Speaker Souki Office to update my day activities.

2:15pm Met with Speaker Souki on the proposal on House version. SB 1290 change would be sent to Conference Committee Next week. Chair White also testified on the need for a fair appropriation

Departed the Capitol at 4:00 to the airport.

To: Vice Chair Ikaika Anderson
HSAC Treasurer
From: Brandon Mitsuda, Council Liaison
Date: April 24, 2017
Re: Honolulu Report
Hawaii State Association of Counties Executive Committee
Meeting
Council Committee Room

Update on Honolulu City Council Meetings

- The Honolulu City Council at our last Full Council Meeting on March 22, 2017 heard and passed out numerous Resolutions dealing with the Mayor's Cabinet Appointments.
- The Honolulu City Council at our last Full Council Meeting on March 22, 2017 passed on second reading **Bill 13, CD1**: Relating to public sidewalks. (Amending the law relating to sitting or lying on public sidewalks in areas zoned for commercial and business activities to include certain sidewalks in Kalihi and Iwilei.)
- The Honolulu City Council at our last Full Council Meeting on March 22, 2017 passed on second reading **Bill 59 (2016), CD1**: Relating to the use of bags provided to customers. (Regulating the use of bags provided to customers.)
- The Honolulu City Council at our last Full Council Meeting on March 22, 2017 passed on third reading **Bill 3, CD 1**: Relating to the transportation surcharge. (Amending the ordinances pertaining to the County surcharge on general excise and use taxes.)
- The Honolulu City Council at our last Full Council Meeting on March 22, 2017 passed on third reading **Bill 7, CD 2**: Relating to real property taxation. (Amending the determination of the rates for properties in the "Residential A" real property tax classification.)

Update on Honolulu City Council Meetings (Continued)

- The Honolulu City Council at our last Full Council Meeting on March 22, 2017 passed on third reading **Bill 81 (2015), CD 2:** Relating to private streets and roads. (Authorizing the City, when maintaining private streets and roads, to re-install anti-speed bumps that are removed during surface maintenance, provided that certain conditions are met.)
- The Honolulu City Council at our last Full Council Meeting on March 22, 2017 passed on third reading **Bill 2, CD 1:** Amending the Fire Code of the City and County of Honolulu. (Making amendments to the Fire Code of the City and County of Honolulu, with respect to natural cut trees.)
- The Honolulu City Council at our last Full Council Meeting on March 22, 2017 adopted **Resolution 17-54:** Urging the State of Hawaii to enforce State park rules and facilitate permanent solutions regarding the encampments at the Diamond Head State Monument.
- The Honolulu City Council at our last Full Council Meeting on March 22, 2017 passed on first reading **Bill 24:** Relating to the Legislative Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.
- The Honolulu City Council at our last Full Council Meeting on March 22, 2017 passed on first reading **Bill 25:** Relating to the Executive Operating Budget and Program for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.
- The Honolulu City Council at our last Full Council Meeting on March 22, 2017 passed on first reading **Bill 26:** Relating to the Executive Capital Budget and Program for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.
- The Honolulu City Council at our last Full Council Meeting on March 22, 2017 passed on first reading **Bill 28:** Relating to public transit. (Amending Chapter 13 of the revised ordinances of Honolulu 1990, to enable the City to amend the fare structure of TheBus and TheHandi-Van.)

Update on Honolulu City Council Projects and Events

- The Honolulu City Council on April 19, 2017 welcomed all branches of the United States Military, the Honolulu Police Department, the State Department of Health, and many community organizations to our Council Chamber for the Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation and Honorary Certificate Ceremony.

It is so crucial that April is designated as Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM), in order to recognize the importance of increasing general awareness, prevention, and support for agencies providing services to sexual assault victims.

This was such a vital opportunity for communities to recommit to ending the outrage of sexual assault, giving survivors the support they need to heal, and to build a culture that never tolerates sexual violence.

- The Honolulu City Legislative Branch collected over 600 pounds of food for our annual support effort for the Hawaii Food Bank so that no one goes hungry in Hawaii!

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MINUTES
HSAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
May 30, 2017
Honolulu Hale, Committee Meeting Room
530 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

I. CALL TO ORDER

The HSAC Executive Committee was called to order by HSAC President and County of Maui Councilmember Stacy Crivello at 4:26 p.m. The following members comprising a quorum were present:

County of Maui:	President Stacy Crivello, County of Maui Councilmember
County of Hawai'i:	Vice President Valerie Poindexter (Alternate), County of Hawai'i Council Chair
County of Kaua'i:	Secretary Mel Rapozo, County of Kaua'i Council Chair
City and County of Honolulu:	Treasurer Joey Manahan (Alternate), City and County of Honolulu Councilmember
Others Present:	Vice President Dru Kanuha, (noted present at 4:48 p.m.) County of Hawai'i Councilmember

Honolulu staff Brandon Mitsuda, Council Liaison,
Honolulu City Council Administrative Support
Services;
Honolulu staff Francisco Figueiredo, Legislative
Aide, Office of Councilmember Ikaika Anderson;
Honolulu staff Kamakana Watanabe, Office of
Council Services, City & County of Honolulu
County of Maui staff Kit Zulueta, Communication
Director, Office of Council Services;
Kaua'i staff Aida Kawamura, Legislative Assistant,
Office of Council Services;

Scott Ishikawa, Becker Communications, Inc.



II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Secretary Rapozo moved for approval of the Agenda as circulated, seconded by Treasurer Manahan, and unanimously carried.

III. MINUTES

- A. Minutes of the April 24, 2017, HSAC Executive Committee meeting, as submitted by the HSAC Secretary.

Secretary Rapozo moved for approval of the Minutes of the April 24, 2017, HSAC Executive Committee Meeting, seconded by Treasurer Manahan, and unanimously carried.

*See Hawai'i County Report below for amendments to the Minutes of the March 17, 2017, HSAC Executive Committee Meeting.

IV. REPORTS

A. Treasurer's Report

1. Treasurer's Report for April 2017, as submitted by the HSAC Treasurer.

Secretary Rapozo moved to approve the HSAC Treasurer's Report for the Month of April 2017, seconded by Vice President Poindexter, and unanimously carried.

B. County Reports

1. City and County of Honolulu Report. Treasurer Manahan provided an update on the City Council Meetings, Projects, and Events. See report dated May 30, 2017 attached hereto.
2. County of Hawai'i Report. Vice President Alternate Poindexter requested that the County of Hawai'i Report be deferred until the arrival of Councilmember Kanuha. There were no objections to this request.
3. County of Kaua'i Report. Secretary Rapozo reported on the Hawai'i State Association of Counties conference scheduled for June 19-20, 2017 on the island of Kaua'i. Secretary Rapozo reviewed the list of speakers and the various panels scheduled for the conference.



President Crivello noted that the Real Property Tax panel will be interesting, just based on the recent proposal by the State Legislature to utilize real property tax funds for State purposes. Secretary Rapozo is looking forward to a productive discussion during the Legislative Update. The conference will end with a Medical Marijuana panel with representation from the different components surrounding the issue. Secretary Rapozo requested assistance with boosting registrations for the conference and the golf tournament.

Members discussed the issue of dairies in the State. Hawai'i County Council Chair Poindexter stated that dairies of the past were the right size, in the right place, and had the right management. When dairies are sitting on 12-19% slopes of highly erodible soil, that site is not appropriate for a dairy, especially a CAFO—a concentrated animal feeding operation. Hawai'i County Council Chair Poindexter supported the small farmer/small agriculture type of operation, including small dairies, in each community because history has proven it can work. Large-scale agriculture is scary, because the State does not have the regulatory bodies in place to protect the community from environmental dairy pollution that can damage the aquifer.

Councilmember Kanuha was noted present at 4:48 p.m.

County of Hawai'i Report. Vice President Kanuha noted that Hawai'i County Council is still reviewing the County's annual budget. A hearing will be held on June 5, 2017 on the 6.5% increase in real property taxes on all classes, except for affordable rentals. This increase would provide for a \$491 million budget, which is a \$21.5 million increase over last year's budget and a large increase since the supplemental budget proposal. Vice President Kanuha said he anticipates numerous budget amendment proposals. The Council will also be holding a public hearing on the Mayor's proposal for fuel tax, which would generate approximately \$414,000. The County fuel tax is anticipated to increase over 100% over the next few years, and the Council is working hard to ensure an appropriate, balanced budget.

Hawai'i County Council Chair Poindexter added that Mayor Kim reported at a recent forum in Kona that he sent letters to the Mayors and the Governor requesting that they not support the union negotiated increases. Mayor Kim cited the costs related to



union raises and the drop in TAT revenues as reasons for proposing increases in fees and taxes.

Vice President Kanuha stated that his colleagues questioned the wording contained in the March 17, 2017 Minutes. He requested the following amendments:

“County of Hawai‘i Report. Vice President Kanuha reported that the Styrofoam measure (polystyrene ban) passed and will move on to the full Council where an ad hoc committee has been created for additional review. The Hawai‘i County Administration ~~[opposed]~~ voiced concerns with the Styrofoam measure because of ~~[its fiscal]~~ potential challenges when implementing the law. Mayor Kim recently canceled a composting contract that had been in operation for 7-8 months, which may lead to possible legal ramifications for the County. ~~[This has resulted in a lawsuit being filed against the County.]~~ Mayor Kim also issued a new contract that is pending approval by the Council. Hawai‘i newspapers reported that Mayor Kim hired lobbyists in excess of \$16,000 a month to lobby in behalf of Hawai‘i County. Hawai‘i County Council is expecting a briefing on this matter.”

There being no objections, the amendments to the Minutes of the March 17, 2017 Executive Committee Meeting were approved.

4. County of Maui Report. President Crivello reported that Maui County Council held its second and final reading on and passed the County’s \$704.8 million fiscal 2018 budget. Maui County Council also passed a restriction on the sale and use of polystyrene foam food service containers, which will take effect December 31, 2018. President Crivello stated that the legislation was watered down, because it originally included a restriction on shipping items such as Cup O’ Noodles. The Council is currently working on the Moloka‘i community plan, which will be very unique and interesting. President Crivello noted that the Lāna‘i community plan took two years to finalize.

There being no objections, the foregoing County Reports were received for the record.



C. National Association of Counties (NACo) Report

Vice President Kanuha stated that he just returned home this past weekend after attending a WIR meeting in Deschutes, Oregon. A report will be submitted at the next meeting.

D. Western Interstate Region (WIR) Report

President Crivello noted that five members from the Maui County Council were present at the recent WIR conference, along with Hawai'i County Councilmembers Kanuha and Richards, Kaua'i County Councilmember Kaneshiro, and City Council Chair Martin who attended the conference on Saturday. President Crivello noted that a major focus of the conference was on PILT. There were presentations on the cannabis issue and recreational marijuana due to a lot of challenges with its illegal use. This is another example where the State passes laws that the county needs to provide permitting and enforcement. Former Congresswoman Mary Bono did a presentation on drug prescription use. Another area of interest was the Economic Development & Rural Areas. President Crivello enjoyed networking with fellow Hawai'i members and hoped to continue this type of learning and exchanging of ideas, which proved to be very informative.

There being no objections, the NACo Report and the WIR Report were received for the record.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Copy of letter to Kaua'i County Councilmember JoAnn Yukimura on HSAC's annual budget for fiscal year 2018.

Secretary Rapozo moved to receive the communication for the record, seconded by Vice President Kanuha, and unanimously carried.

B. Kaua'i County Council Resolution 2017-32, adopted on April 26, 2017, approving HSAC's annual budget for fiscal year 2018.

Secretary Rapozo moved to receive the communication for the record, seconded by Treasurer Manahan, and unanimously carried.

C. Honolulu City Council Resolution 17-114, adopted on May 10, 2017, approving HSAC's annual budget for fiscal year 2018.



Secretary Rapozo moved to receive the communication for the record, seconded by Treasurer Manahan, and unanimously carried.

- D. Kaua'i County Council Resolution 2017-36, adopted on May 17, 2017, approving nominees to the NACo and WIR Board of Directors.

Treasurer Manahan moved to receive the communication for the record, seconded by Secretary Rapozo, and unanimously carried.

- E. Consideration of engagement letter from Carbonaro CPAs & Management Group to provide audit and tax return services to HSAC for years ending 2017, 2018 and 2019.

Secretary Rapozo moved to approve engagement of Carbonaro CPAs & Management Group for audit and tax return services for years ending 2017, 2018, and 2019, seconded by Treasurer Manahan, and unanimously carried.

- F. Report from HSAC Lobbyist Michael P. Victorino on legislative updates and 2017 State Legislative Session wrap-up.

President Crivello noted that Mr. Victorino has not submitted a report.

Secretary Rapozo hoped that the Legislature is not playing a game with HSAC. He believed that HSAC should continue to stand firm and educate the public. Hiring Becker Communications was a good decision. President Crivello stated that everyone needs to keep a watchful eye on what is happening at the Legislature, because things change without notice. Secretary Rapozo stated an interest in pursuing a Sunshine Law requirement for the Legislature. Treasurer Manahan stated appreciation for the support the City & County of Honolulu received from the neighbor island counties during this legislative session.

There being no objections, Mr. Victorino's report was deferred to the next meeting.

- G. Consideration of a contract extension for Becker Communications to provide public relations and media services.

Scott Ishikawa, Becker Communications, stated that this year was a great experience spending the whole session with HSAC members, although at times he was second-guessing the actions taken. Mr. Ishikawa provided a recap of the media coverage for the 2017



legislative session (see attached Media Value Report). Mr. Ishikawa believed that HSAC's approach was not over-aggressive, and it was important for members to voice concerns at critical moments. HSAC was successful in branding its purpose and the media group now seeks out HSAC for commentary on many issues, such as the sunseting of lifeguard immunity.

Members discussed issuing an op-ed regarding the legislative outcome. Members believed that a special session will be called to entertain just the rail issue. The information in the draft op-ed is factual. President Crivello believed that the op-ed should be published as soon as possible.

Secretary Rapozo moved to release the op-ed, seconded by Vice President Kanuha.

Mr. Ishikawa recommended that the op-ed be released the week before the HSAC Annual Conference to give it timeliness. Secretary Rapozo stated that it is important for HSAC to provide a recap of its legislative efforts soon. President Crivello recommended modifying the op-ed to state that the counties united to support O'ahu's needs for rail. Members felt it was important for Councilmember Anderson to comment on the op-ed prior to releasing it. Mr. Ishikawa will make changes to the op-ed and get approval from the members prior to releasing it to the media.

Secretary Rapozo moved to renew HSAC's contract with Becker Communications for the period May 2017 to June 30, 2018, seconded by Vice President Kanuha, and unanimously carried.

There were no objections for reimbursement of travel expenses for Mr. Ishikawa to attend the 2017 Annual HSAC Conference on Kaua'i.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Correspondence from U.S. Senator Mazie Hirono, relating to a draft resolution for consideration regarding potential cuts to federally funded Native Hawaiian programs and to strengthen these programs.

Secretary Rapozo shared a County Attorney opinion he obtained stating that the proposed language in the resolution is appropriate under state and federal law regarding the status of native Hawaiians and their special relationship with various governmental entities as an indigenous people under various state and federal statutes. Secretary Rapozo



recommended that the resolution be entertained at the July 2017 Executive Committee meeting.

Secretary Rapozo moved to approve that HSAC move forward with the proposed resolution requested by U.S. Senator Mazie Hirono, seconded by Treasurer Manahan, and unanimously carried.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Scheduling of the next meeting.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 19, 2017, at 9 a.m. on Kauaʻi.

B. Other announcements.

Discussion regarding Nationwide's proposal to provide services. Secretary Rapozo stated that the original intent was for Nationwide to be an HSAC product available to county employees. After further discussion, it was determined that because of procurement laws, Nationwide will need to submit a proposal for consideration by the counties when the next solicitation for bids is advertised. President Crivello noted that it is important to provide county employees with options.

President Crivello announced the impending departure of Maui County Staff Kit Zulueta following the HSAC Annual Conference on Kauaʻi. Ms. Zulueta will be continuing her communications expertise at Maui College.

There were no other announcements.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mel Rapozo", is written over a horizontal line.

MEL RAPOZO, Secretary
Hawaiʻi State Association of Counties

To: The Honorable Joey Manahan
From: Brandon Mitsuda, Council Liaison
Date: May 30, 2017
Re: Honolulu Report
Hawaii State Association of Counties Executive Committee Meeting
Honolulu City Council Committee Room

Update on Honolulu City Council Meetings

- The Honolulu City Council at our last Full Council Meeting on May 10, 2017 passed on second reading **Bill 40:** Relating to trees. (Creating an adopt-a-tree program to be administered by the Department of Parks and Recreation.)
- The Honolulu City Council at our last Full Council Meeting on May 10, 2017 passed on second reading **Bill 43:** Relating to the maintenance of channels, streambeds, streambanks and drainageways. (Amending the conditions a private stream owner is held to maintain, dredge and clear such stream.)
- The Honolulu City Council at our last Full Council Meeting on May 10, 2017 passed on third reading **Bill 23:** Relating to City parks and recreational facilities. (Clarifying the status of parks and recreational facilities under the ownership, management, or control of the City and County of Honolulu.)
- The Honolulu City Council at our last Full Council Meeting on May 10, 2017 passed on second reading **Bill 46:** Relating to fees for use of municipal golf courses. (Amending the fees for the use of the City's golf courses.)

Update on Honolulu City Council Meetings (Continued)

- The Honolulu City Council at our last Full Council Meeting on May 10, 2017 passed on third reading **Bill 20, CD1**: Relating to public sidewalks. (Expanding the commercial areas subject to the City's current restrictions on persons sitting or lying on public sidewalks in certain such areas.)
- The Honolulu City Council at our last Full Council Meeting on May 10, 2017 passed on third reading **Bill 67 (2016), CD1**: Relating to bicycle facilities. (Encouraging commuting by means other than by motor vehicle, including by bicycle.)
- The Honolulu City Council at our last Full Council Meeting on May 10, 2017 passed on first reading **Bill 49**: Relating to sponsorships. (Addressing the sponsorship of City assets.)
- The Honolulu City Council at our last Full Council Meeting on May 10, 2017 adopted **Resolution 17-114**: Approving the proposed budget for the Hawaii State Association of Counties for the Fiscal Year 2018.
- The Honolulu City Council at our last Full Council Meeting on May 10, 2017 adopted **Resolution 17-112**: Reestablishing the Oahu Real Property Tax Advisory Commission.
- The Honolulu City Council at our last Full Council Meeting on May 10, 2017 adopted **Resolution 17-113**: Requesting the City Administration to evaluate the incorporation of visitability standards for new residential construction in the City's Building Code.

Update on Honolulu City Council Projects and Events

- The Honolulu City Council recently hosted the Mayor of a town in Maryland Mr. Jeffery Slavin to a tour of Honolulu Hale at the surrounding Honolulu Civic Grounds with the hope of fostering closer ties between our two communities.

HAWAII STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (HSAC)

Media Value Report

2017 Legislative Session (Jan.-May)

Date	Title	Source	Time	Runtime	Calc Ad Value	Calc Publicity Value
4-Jan-17	HAWAII TRIBUNE-HERALD			52 in.	\$1,664	\$4,992 HSAC legislative package preview
12-Jan-17	THE GARDEN ISLAND			40 in.	\$1,000	\$3,000 HSAC legislative package preview
16-Jan-17	WEST HAWAII TODAY			48 in.	\$1,200	\$3,600 HSAC legislative package preview
17-Jan-17	CIVIL BEAT			33 in.	\$30	\$90 HSAC legislative package preview
17-Jan-17	MAUI NEWS			42 in.	\$1,050	\$3,150 HSAC legislative package preview
17-Jan-17	MAUI NOW			40 in.	\$21	\$63 HSAC legislative package preview
17-Jan-17	THE GARDEN ISLAND			10 in.	\$250	\$750 TAT distribution issue
17-Jan-17	HAWAII NEWS NOW AT 5	KGMB	5PM	1 min. 26 sec.	\$860	\$2,580 HSAC legislative package preview
17-Jan-17	HAWAII NEWS NOW AT 5	KHNL	5PM	1 min. 26 sec.	\$430	\$1,290 HSAC legislative package preview
17-Jan-17	HAWAII NEWS NOW AT 6	KGMB	5PM	30 sec.	\$540	\$1,620 HSAC legislative package preview
17-Jan-17	KITV NEWS AT 6	KITV	6PM	1 min. 7 sec.	\$1,117	\$3,350 HSAC legislative package preview
18-Jan-17	HAWAII NEWS NOW SUNRISE	KGMB		46 sec.	\$322	\$966 HSAC legislative package preview
18-Jan-17	HAWAII NEWS NOW SUNRISE	KHNL		46 sec.	\$184	\$562 HSAC legislative package preview
18-Jan-17	HAWAII NEWS NOW SUNRISE	KGMB		45 sec.	\$308	\$924 HSAC legislative package preview
18-Jan-17	WEST HAWAII TODAY			24 in.	\$600	\$1,800 TAT distribution issue
14-Feb-17	HAWAII NEWS NOW AT 5	KGMB	5PM	1 min. 18 sec.	\$780	\$2,340 TAT distribution issue
14-Feb-17	HAWAII NEWS NOW AT 5	KHNL	5PM	1 min. 18 sec.	\$390	\$1,170 TAT distribution issue
16-Feb-17	HAWAII TRIBUNE-HERALD			56 in.	\$1,792	\$5,376 TAT distribution issue
15-Feb-17	MAUI NEWS			33 in.	\$825	\$2,475 TAT distribution issue
16-Feb-17	MAUI NEWS			25 in.	\$625	\$1,875 TAT distribution issue (Editorial)
17-Feb-17	HAWAII NEWS NOW AT 5	KGMB	5PM	2 min. 30 sec.	\$2,125	\$6,375 Lifeguard liability issue
17-Feb-17	HAWAII NEWS NOW AT 5	KHNL	5PM	2 min. 30 sec.	\$910	\$2,731 Lifeguard liability issue
19-Feb-17	THE GARDEN ISLAND			36 in.	\$900	\$2,700 TAT distribution issue
19-Feb-17	WEST HAWAII TODAY			48 in.	\$1,200	\$3,600 TAT distribution issue (Op-Ed)
19-Feb-17	GARDEN ISLAND			44 in.	\$1,100	\$3,300 TAT distribution issue (Op-Ed)
21-Feb-17	MAUI NEWS			45 in.	\$1,125	\$3,375 TAT distribution issue (Op-Ed)
24-Feb-17	THE GARDEN ISLAND			25 in.	\$625	\$1,875 Lifeguard liability issue (Op-Ed)
26-Feb-17	HONOLULU STAR-ADVERTISER			48 in.	\$5,424	\$19,152 TAT distribution issue (Op-Ed)
4-Mar-17	THE GARDEN ISLAND			24 in.	\$600	\$1,800 TAT distribution issue
12-Mar-17	MAUI NEWS			28 in.	\$700	\$2,100 TAT distribution issue
13-Mar-17	THE GARDEN ISLAND			26 in.	\$650	\$1,950 TAT distribution issue
12-Apr-17	HAWAII NEWS NOW AT 5	KGMB	5PM	2 min. 25 sec.	\$2,076	\$6,228 Lifeguard liability press conference
12-Apr-17	HAWAII NEWS NOW AT 5	KHNL	5PM	2 min. 25 sec.	\$1,740	\$5,220 Lifeguard liability press conference
12-Apr-17	HAWAII NEWS NOW AT 6	KGMB	6PM	2 min. 7 sec.	\$2,540	\$7,620 Lifeguard liability press conference
12-Apr-17	HAWAII NEWS NOW AT 10	KGMB	10PM	1 min 16 sec.	\$2,153	\$6,460 Lifeguard liability press conference
12-Apr-17	KHON2 NEWS AT 5	KHON	5PM	3 min. 14 sec.	\$2,910	\$8,730 Lifeguard liability press conference

HAWAII STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (HSAC)

Media Value Report

2017 Legislative Session (Jan.-May)

12-Apr-17 KHON2 NEWS AT 6	KHON	6PM	2 min. 30 sec.	\$3,550	\$10,650 Lifeguard liability press conference
12-Apr-17 KITV NEWS AT 6			1 min 16 sec.	\$1,102	\$3,306 Lifeguard liability press conference
12-Apr-17 CIVIL BEAT				\$30	\$87 Lifeguard liability press conference
13-Apr-17 HONOLULU STAR-ADVERTISER			42 in.	\$4,746	\$16,758 Lifeguard liability press conference
13-Apr-17 CIVIL BEAT			32 in.	\$30	\$87 Lifeguard liability bill (Editorial)
13-Apr-17 HAWAII NEWS NOW SUNRISE	KGMB		45 sec.	\$315	\$945 Lifeguard liability press conference
13-Apr-17 HAWAII NEWS NOW SUNRISE	KHNL		45 sec.	\$180	\$540 Lifeguard liability press conference
14-Apr-17 THE GARDEN ISLAND			36 in.	\$900	\$2,700 Lifeguard liability press conference
17-Apr-17 HONOLULU STAR-ADVERTISER			34 in.	\$3,842	\$11,526 Lifeguard liability bill (Editorial)
27-Apr-17 HAWAII NEWS NOW AT 6	KGMB	6PM	1 min. 28 sec.	\$1,834	\$5,280 Lifeguard liability bill
27-Apr-17 HAWAII NEWS NOW AT 10	KGMB	10PM	1 min. 16 sec.	\$2,153	\$6,460 Lifeguard liability bill
27-Apr-17 HAWAII NEWS NOW AT 10	KHNL	10PM	1 min. 16 sec.	\$662	\$1,988 Lifeguard liability bill
27-Apr-17 KITV4 NEWS AT 10	KITV	10PM	1 min. 15 sec.	\$925	\$2,775 Lifeguard liability bill
28-Apr-17 HAWAII NEWS NOW SUNRISE	KGMB		45 sec.	\$315	\$945 Lifeguard liability bill
28-Apr-17 HAWAII NEWS NOW SUNRISE	KHNL		45 sec.	\$180	\$540 Lifeguard liability bill
28-Apr-17 HONOLULU STAR-ADVERTISER			40 in.	\$3,616	\$10,848 Lifeguard liability bill
30-Apr-17 MAUI NEWS			24 in.	\$600	\$1,800 Legislative update (op-ed)
2-May-17 CIVIL BEAT			21 in.	\$30	\$90 TAT distribution issue
2-May-17 THE GARDEN ISLAND			35 in.	\$875	\$2,625 TAT distribution issue
4-May-17 THE GARDEN ISLAND			30 in.	\$750	\$2,250 Lifeguard liability bill (op-ed)
5-May-17 HAWAII NEWS NOW AT 5	KGMB	5PM	2 min. 7 sec.	\$1,270	\$3,810 Lifeguard liability bill
5-May-17 HAWAII NEWS NOW AT 5	KHNL	5PM	2 min. 7 sec.	\$635	\$1,905 Lifeguard liability bill
5-May-17 KITV NEWS AT 5	KITV	5PM	1 min. 15 sec.	\$750	\$2,250 Lifeguard liability bill
5-May-17 KITV NEWS AT 10	KITV	10PM	3 min. 25 sec.	\$2,733	\$8,200 Lifeguard liability bill
21-May-17 THE GARDEN ISLAND			24 in.	\$600	\$1,800 Lifeguard liability bill
23-May-17 CIVIL BEAT			35 in.	\$30	\$90 Lifeguard liability bill
28-May-17 MAUI NEWS			44 in.	\$1,100	\$3,300 Lifeguard liability bill
Value Total				\$74,519	\$228,744

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February 2, 2017

TO: Members of the Executive Committee
Hawaii State Association of Counties

FROM: Stacy Crivello, President

SUBJECT: **BYLAW AMENDMENT RELATING TO HSAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TRAVEL**

HSAC current bylaws allow members of the executive committee to travel and attend the National Association of Counties Legislative Conference and the NACo Annual Conference, with the organization covering airfare, ground transportation, registration fees, and accommodations up to \$2000.

My proposal would allow members of the executive committee to choose two conferences among three, and would include the Western Interstate Region Annual Conference as a third option. The WIR Conference offers education on issues common among western states that are most relevant to HSAC.

I am recommending Section 21 of the HSAC bylaws be amended as follows:

BUDGET

"SECTION 21. (3) Travel expenses, including registration fees, of no more than \$2000 ~~expected~~ may be incurred by HSAC executive committee members or their official designated Alternate in the conduct of official business on no more than two of the following conferences: the NACo Legislative Conference, ~~and~~ NACo Annual Conference, or Western Interstate Region Conference. ~~Members of a council who serve on the board of directors of NACo or WIR may incur travel expenses, including registration fees, of no more than \$2000 to attend their respective conferences~~ in the conduct of official business as directors, or members who serve on an HSAC special committee or NACo steering committee as defined in Section 22."

Mahalo for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Stacy Crivello
HSAC President

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March 9, 2017

TO: Members of the Executive Committee
Hawaii State Association of Counties

FROM: Stacy Crivello, President

SUBJECT: **BYLAW AMENDMENT RELATING TO HSAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OFFICERS**

At the February 10, 2017 Executive Committee meeting, members expressed concerns about the rotation in leadership positions for HSAC representatives. The intent of the rotation was to provide an opportunity for each county to be familiarized with leadership roles within HSAC.

Members noted the importance of consistency, especially with the organization's finances, and recognition whether each county has the capacity to fulfill the role of specific leadership positions.

With unanimous consent at the meeting, I'm presenting a bylaw amendment to reflect the policy and procedure implemented prior to when the rotation was introduced last year, with some housekeeping changes to provide clarity. I am recommending Section 5 of the HSAC bylaws be amended as follows:

"OFFICERS

SECTION 5. The officers of the corporation shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, none of whom shall be members of the same council.

The term of each officer shall begin on July 1 immediately following the annual meeting at which elected and end on June 30 of the subsequent year. ~~Beginning in 2015, the slate of officers will be as follows:~~

President: _____ County of Maui
Vice President: _____ County of Hawai'i
Treasurer: _____ City and County of Honolulu
Secretary: _____ County of Kaua'i

~~In every odd-numbered year beginning in 2017, the Executive Committee, at its meeting scheduled during the Annual Conference prior to the General Membership meeting, shall implement a rotation of positions. The county rotation will be as follows: The county holding the Secretary position will move to the Treasurer position; the county holding the Treasurer position will move to the Vice President position; the county holding the Vice President position will move to the President position; and the county holding the President position will move to the Secretary position. No county shall hold the same officer position for more than two consecutive years.~~



Officers of the corporation shall be elected in the following manner:

- (1) ~~Prior to April 15 of each year, each council shall appoint one of its members to serve as an officer of the corporation for the term commencing the immediate following July 1. Each council shall designate an alternate to the member serving as an officer of the corporation.~~ Prior to April 15 of each year, each council shall pass a resolution to appointing one of its members to serve as an officer of the corporation, and a designated alternate. ~~approve the appointment and alternate designation.~~ Upon passage of the Resolution, each council shall be deemed to have delegated to the appointee sufficient authority to formulate the slate of proposed officers as provided under paragraph (2).

If a council fails to approve a resolution prior to April 15, then the council chair or the council chair's representative from the relevant council may attend and exercise full rights and privileges at a meeting until the relevant council passes a resolution approving an appointee and designated alternate.

- (2) Prior to May 30 of that same year, the four appointees, after consultation among themselves, shall present to each council a slate of proposed officers. The slate shall propose who, among the appointees, is to serve in each office of the corporation for the term commencing the immediate following July 1.
- (3) Before the annual meeting of that same year, each council shall consider after receipt of the slate presented by the four appointees; ~~shall take the action deemed necessary to approve the slate at the annual meeting;~~ provided that no council shall take any action requesting or requiring removal from the slate of an appointee from another council.
- (4) At the annual meeting of that same year, the slate shall be presented to the general membership for approval. The general membership shall vote on the slate as a whole, and not for each proposed officer on the slate individually.
 - (a) If the slate is approved, the proposed officers shall become the officers of the corporation for the term commencing July 1 immediately following the annual meeting.
 - (b) If the slate is disapproved and another slate of proposed officers is not approved at the annual meeting, each officer holding office on the date of the annual meeting shall continue in the same office until the general membership approves a slate.

The executive committee shall consist of the officers of the corporation.”

Mahalo for your consideration.



NACo Steering Committee Nomination Form

This steering committee nomination form should be completed and sent to the executive director of your state association of counties. Appointments are made after the NACo Annual Conference. You may serve on only ONE steering committee and must be from a NACo member county. Only eight individuals from any state (including up to two from any one county) can serve on a particular committee. Please indicate your first choice with #1 and second with #2. NACo will notify you of your appointment in September.

NACo Steering Committees	
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture & Rural Affairs	<input type="checkbox"/> Human Services & Education
<input type="checkbox"/> Community, Economic & Workforce Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Justice & Public Safety
<input type="checkbox"/> Environment, Energy & Land Use	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Lands
<input type="checkbox"/> Finance & Intergovernmental Affairs	<input type="checkbox"/> Telecommunications & Technology
<input type="checkbox"/> Health	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation

Name: _____
first name last name suffix

Job Title: _____

County: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

If you are an elected official, please enter date your county term expires: ____ / ____ (mm/yyyy)

How long have you held this office? _____ (years)

Political Affiliation: ___ Democrat ___ Republican ___ Non Partisan ___ Independent ___ Other

Are you reasonably free to travel? ___ Yes ___ No

Have you ever served on a NACo steering committee? ___ Yes ___ No

You will not be appointed to serve on a steering committee until you complete and return this form to your state association of counties.

TO BE COMPLETED BY STATE ASSOCIATION

The State Association President and NACo Board Members from the state concur with this nomination

Signature

Date